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## EVERYBODY HAPPY BUSINESS GOOD AT CLEWISTON

Chatty News Letter From City  
on South Shore of Lake  
Okeechobee

### SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Site Selected For New School  
House; Holiday Merriment  
Gets Under Way

Starting out this morning to write a little story about the latest happenings in Clewiston presents a problem as to which of two things should come first. The two things are (a) the party Monsieur Madame Watanabe gave Friday night, December 10 at the Clewiston Inn, and (b) the actual start of construction this week of the new Clewiston school house.

You know, there is something about the Watanabes. We like them. No, it would be only correct to say that we love them. They are a part of our history already and the history gives us many reasons to be strong for them.

But history is secure, in spite of the statement some nearly wise man once made to the effect that "history is a conspiracy of liars." Hence since we can talk about the party further along we will start with some news about the school, because the school means something big for the immediate future.

On Monday a representative of the school contractor arrived at Clewiston and conferred with Clewiston officials, establishing the exact spot on the school lot for the building. Subsequently material and men arrived and ground was broken several days later. The school, to be a brick two stories high, will have eight classrooms and a large auditorium when completed. The contractor is Howard L. Wheeler of Fort Myers and James L. Gatliff is the architect.

This is a bright spot in new building construction in Clewiston and it is attended by an interesting activity along the same line in construction of a large public garage and repair shop at Francisco street and the state highway. Designs have been completed also and work is to start in a few weeks on a block of stores and offices at Atlantic street and the state highway. The new Civic Center Square on which the huge 50,000 gallon water tank is located.

Besides these ten new dwellings are at present under construction. Relocation of the Atlantic Coast Railway tracks within Clewiston township is to begin within a short time in order to conform to the township plan drafted by John Nolen will also call for erection of the railway station at an early date.

So much for the record of building progress occurring and to occur.

Now let's talk about Madame's Christmas party. There were at least 200 guests, including some of her old acquaintances from South Bay and other points on the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, with a sprinkling also of guests from Moore Haven and even as far as Lakeland.

Madame lived the same old Christmas from Fort Myers that had given us such a jolly night time of it Thanksgiving night. The strains of jazz, played by jazz with American folks dancing the ultra-modern American dances contrasted with age-old decorations drawn from Madame Watanabe's native Japan.

The Clewiston Inn dipping room was turned into the usual scene by those inimitable

## Belle Glade

BELLE GLADE, Dec. 14.—W. W. Smith and Roy Sanborn returned last week from Hubbardston, Mich., where they spent the summer. Mr. Smith tells of a neighbor who spent last winter in Florida, giving it a very black eye but as cool weather approached he experienced a change of heart and hid himself back to the state of sunshine.

A. L. Patterson returned Saturday night from Miami, where he spent the week.

We have repeatedly heard that clover will not grow in Florida, which is another of the theories we have disproved. For several years we have had grass growing quite a bit of it—red, white Dutch and alsike. After having stood under water for over three months, it is again coming up thrifly.

Mrs. E. F. Hess left Monday for Chicago, where she will attend to business matters and spend Christmas with her mother and daughter.

Post office officials of West Palm Beach and the postal route inspector were here this week looking into the conditions on which were based our petition to have our mail come by West Palm Beach instead of Clewiston. They were impressed with our need of the change and feel certain it will be so arranged.

M. U. Mounts and County Agent Hoyt of Martin county visited this community Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydston and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Coe of Miami were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wheeler at Belle Glade Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parvin of Ritta were guests at Belle Glade Hotel on Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Pickett, Sr. of San Antonio, Texas, is a holiday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pickett, Jr.

## MORE COWS WHEN TICKS ARE GONE

Eradication Work Finished In  
Thirteen Counties But First  
Action Wanted

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 10.—Thirteen and a half counties of Florida are now tick-free. Systematic work is proceeding in the remaining counties. The eradication work will be begun early in 1927 between the Okeechobee and Suwannee rivers, according to a review of the operations of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board announced by Dr. J. V. Knapp, state veterinarian.

Monroe, Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties on the east coast and Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Washington, Calhoun, Bay, Gulf, Jackson and the eastern half of Holmes, are free of the tick.

After the Okeechobee-Suwannee area is finished, the board will turn its attention to that area lying between the Suwannee river and Atlantic ocean. Many inquiries as to when work will be started in this section have already reached the board.

The necessity for speeding up the tick eradication program is reflected in inquiries from out-of-state dairymen, to Florida organizations and state officials. One Pennsylvania cattle owner advised the Pasco county Chamber of Commerce that he had decided to seek "a more congenial climate" for his animals, "where we don't have to be penned about half the year," and decided to take up his residence in Florida.

The bureau of immigration has received inquiries averaging 300 a month from northern farmers regarding the state's possibilities in dairying and beef cattle raising.

## CITIZENS AGAIN CONTROL AFFAIRS AT MOORE HAVEN

State Drainage Board Returns  
Water-Electric Plant To  
Municipality

### POLICIES OF RED CROSS SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT

Assistant Drainage Engineer  
Flanders Makes Report  
To Tallahassee

From Glades County Department.

Several things of importance mark this week's activities in Moore Haven. Perhaps the most significant of these is the fact that the drainage board turned the light and water plant back to the City of Moore Haven tomorrow (Saturday).

The meaning of this is that in the opinion of the board the town of Moore Haven has been put back into liveable shape by the board and that the Newhall pump is no longer necessary to keep the water level at a proper condition of lowness to serve the best interests of the people.

From the standpoint of the citizens this is perhaps not good news, since it means that light and water can no longer be furnished free, for because of a depleted treasury the city will be obliged to charge the customary rate for service and the matter will be checked up and read Saturday.

However, there is a silver lining to this cloud for the city commission will from now on run the plant for the direct purpose of giving its customers "service" which was but incidental to pumping water with the big Newhall pump under the drainage board's regime.

Engineer Lamoreaux informs us that the State Board of Health considers their work about complete and their activities in this area will cease with Sunday. This speaks well for the health of the town, but there are still many things which we had hoped the board would do before considering their job at an end.

On Saturday, there will be condemnation proceedings before Justice of the Peace W. B. Harris, when those buildings, etc. which in the opinion of the jury which will sit on the case, are a menace to the public health and welfare will be condemned and ordered torn down and moved away.

The building of permanent bridges on the road to Main's corner has kept that road in an unfavorable condition, much to the discomfort of the traveling public. The measure which is more of this, since the road will be under actual construction now for a while. Engineer Gove tells us that he has everything in readiness and will put all local trucks which are available to hauling surfacing from the county rock pit Monday morning.

We haven't had time to check up on the activities of the drainage board on building dikes on the lake front but presume that the work is progressing satisfactorily. Engineer Fred Flanders was called to Tallahassee last week, where he spent several days and probably has additional instructions pertaining to this work he reached home yesterday, but we have been unable to get in touch with him.

Water in the Diston Island district is still very high, though some of the growers are getting in crops and will plant more in the near future.

The road to Clewiston has been open for a week and though not in good condition has served for light traffic. The most noticeable thing of the trip to Clewiston is the difference

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## South Bay

"Every day in every way South Bay is growing better and better." At least the beans are doing all they can to improve conditions.

Between three and four, car loads of beans are being shipped daily over the boat line via Clewiston. C. D. Byrd handling the majority of these.

V. C. Denton has just received a large shipment of fall and winter goods.

B. H. Willis made a trip to Sebring last week.

Messrs. T. M. Graham and Barnes are farming about one hundred acres this season.

Mr. Harris is handling a twenty-acre tract.

Friedheim and Crocker are showing a fine line of holiday goods.

The Franz Lumber Company finds sale for one thousand beams daily. They are also receiving and placing quite an amount of lumber.

A car load—twenty tons—of sulphur is due to arrive any day here. Leaf rollers and other insect pests take notice.

Reverend Thomas drove to Miami Tuesday on church business.

We had a good service at the church on Sunday afternoon.

The medical welfare workers, Miss Kumer and Miss Constance Rabin were here Monday and Tuesday. Miss Elizabeth Howell, county school nurse, was with us Wednesday.

Mrs. T. J. Fisher, with her infant daughter, born Dec. 2 was brought home this week.

## Commissioners Change Ocean Boulevard

From Palm Beach Post.

Relocation of about a mile and a half of the ocean boulevard at Boynton was provided in a resolution adopted by the county commission at its meeting yesterday. The relocation was requested by the town commission of Boynton. This section of the boulevard extends from the vicinity of the Briny Breezes subdivision to the north end of the Mizner mile, the relocation being in territory west of the existing boulevard, approximately 200 feet separate from the most distant point.

In the resolution, it was pointed out that a large portion of the boulevard has already been paved and that all of the property owners affected have executed right-of-way deeds to the town of Boynton.

The resolution was adopted with the understanding that the new route would be completed without cost to the county and that while work is under way on the uncompleted portion that portion would remain open to traffic.

Provision was included in the resolution that the town of Boynton convey the new right-of-way to the county and that the county in turn convey the old portion of the boulevard to the town of Boynton.

Joseph E. Bell, chairman of the commission, reported that the relocation of the boulevard was approved by the division engineer on the project. The district engineer concludes that under the conditions already existing there would move by water at least 375,000 tons, at an annual saving of \$400,000.

"By the time the waterway is completed, which would not be in less than five years, he believes that the shipment by water would be considerably greater, and that the estimated annual saving would amount to \$750,000."

He is of the opinion that there will be material shipments of citrus fruit, as the proposed waterway traverses a very productive area.

## RAILROAD TO PUT LOADING STATION NEAR BELLE GLADE

Vice President Rodenbaugh  
Authorizes Siding At  
Highway Crossing

### GROWERS CAN HAUL TO REFRIGERATOR CARS

County Road Department and  
Contractors Hurry To  
Make Connection

Authority for the establishment of a loading station on the line of sections 8 and 17, where the Florida East Coast railroad and the Belle Glade-Pahokee road cross, has been given by Vice President H. N. Rodenbaugh of the railway company.

L. Beckwith, the vegetable agent, reported yesterday, Mr. Beckwith was here to see Construction Engineer Lucas and convey Mr. Rodenbaugh's message to him.

The loading station will be ready by January 15, Mr. Beckwith said. The location is a little more than four miles north of Belle Glade, a distance that many of the growers say is practical to cover in trucks. H. T. Holloway, road contractor, has promised that the road will be graded and put in condition for use by that time. Resident Engineer Pickett, looking after the highway in this district, says all of the needed bridges will be in. Another loading station may be put in on the line of sections 32 and 8.

Refrigerator cars will be set out at the loading station near Belle Glade so shippers can get the usual service.

## BACK TO MOORE HAVEN

The drople Calouschatche has finished at Clewiston and again is working near Moore Haven.

## FARMING AT RITTA

The gall bug has made several trips from Ritta to Moore Haven, but farming has been resumed.

## Advices Federal Aid For East Coast Canal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Army engineers recommended today to congress that \$4,221,000 be spent in developing an interoceanic waterway between Jacksonville and Miami.

In a report sent to the house Major General Jadin, chief of the engineering corps, said it was advisable to provide a channel 75 feet wide and eight feet deep. He said \$125,000 annually should be provided for maintenance.

A study of the "necessity for additional transportation along this route has been made by the Associated East Coast Chambers of Commerce," the report said, adding that "on the basis of their investigation, they conclude that if an adequate channel were available 1,500,000 tons of freight would move annually at a saving in transportation of \$1,670,000."

"After due consideration," General Jadin reported, "I concur with the general views of the division engineer on the project. The district engineer concludes that under the conditions already existing there would move by water at least 375,000 tons, at an annual saving of \$400,000."

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## VOTE ROAD BONDS IN OKEECHOBEE

\$525,000 To Carry Road  
Southward From Osceola  
County Line

OKEECHOBEE, Dec. 14.—Incomplete returns tonight indicate that Okeechobee county freeholders today approved a \$525,000 bond issue for the construction in this county of State Road No. 29. Ft. Myers to Orlando.

Three of the six precincts gave for the issue 185, against 8. The vote of the missing precincts is said to be negligible.

Funds for the building of this highway had previously been approved in the other counties through which it is to pass.

The road is to run through Moore Haven, Okeechobee, St. Cloud and Kissimmee.

Its construction will, together with highways now completed or under construction, insure a paved roadway around Lake Okeechobee.

## CONNERS TO FEED VENISON TO LIONS

West Palm Beach Club  
Is Entertained At  
Okeechobee

From Palm Beach Post.

There's a great big 100-pound buck that was brought down in the Glades last week by a mighty hunter and carried to West Palm Beach at a lunchette beside the lake at Okeechobee.

He deserted the flatwoods, nearby, and now will be served up to members of the Lions club of West Palm Beach at a lunch given in their honor by the Everglades developer, W. J. Conners, a member of the club, next Saturday.

And yet there may have been method in the deer's madness. He evidently was thirsty and seeking a drink when overtaken by the gunman, and now Mons. Francois, who is preparing the luncheon for the Lions, says he will fortify that venison with a dash of good, old Spanish sherry wine. Francois has often confessed for royalty and other distinguished folks.

"I'm going to prepare a typical Florida menu for the Lions," he said yesterday. "Beside the big deer there will be fish—Okeechobee striped trout—wild chicken, Chinese cabbage, sweet potatoes, Florida 'cranberries,' peas in cream, endives, cakes, coffee and a few other things."

"The fish, while cooking, will also be treated with a spraying of this delectable vintage imported from France, its use for cooking is entirely proper under the law, just as is the use of wine in turtle soup. Francois will give his personal attention to the cooking of the deer for the Lions' table."

"A little pepper, a little salt, a little hard—the important thing is to dash the hot gravy over the deer every few minutes while it is cooking," said Francois. "The yams will be 'boiled' floating nearby. It will be an illuminating feast and a blessing."

Mons. Francois, who began his career as a chef at Bolognese, France, has been a chef at the leading hotels in a number of countries. Twenty-five years ago he cooked for the Prince of Wales in London.

Here is the all-Florida menu he is preparing for the Lions club luncheon:

Grapefruit Supreme, Chinese Cabbage, Salted Gouda, Fillet of Okeechobee Trout, Vol au Vant Marchal (Sweetbread), Orange Sherbert, Roast Yams, Venison, Florida Cranberries, English Peas in Cream, Canal Point Sweet Potatoes, Endive

at 9 o'clock in the morning.

## BEAN MOVEMENT IN FULL SWING FROM SOUTH END OF LAKE

Dike and Pump System Helps  
Growers in Belle Glade  
South Bay District

### 22 CARS SHIPPED SINCE OPENING OF SEASON

English Peas To Start Next  
Month and Increase Volume of Movement

Including some hamper from Kraemer Island, a total of 350 hampers of beans has been shipped by express from Canal Point so far this season. Also two car loads of beans were forwarded from Kraemer Island. Spurr & Wilder will ship tomatoes next week from their patch on St. Lucie Canal between Port Mayaca and Plantation. Some express shipments of beans have already been made from that locality, where the Hull Brothers also are farming.

Statistics report sales of tomatoes and pepper seed as well as bean seed, and the acreage of both will be larger this season than usual. Not to exceed 100 acres of potatoes is arranged for so far.

Twenty-two full car loads of beans had been shipped from the Belle Glade-South Bay district up to tonight, consigned to the Hamburger Company of New York. Shipments were made under refrigeration from Clewiston, the tonnage having been moved across the lake by the South Bay transportation Company. Two ice cars were ordered for loading tomorrow (Saturday, December 19). The big movement will not be under way until after New Year's. There has also been an express movement from Clewiston.

C. D. Byrd, the general representative of the Hamburger Company, reports that Bountiful have sold at a top price of \$3.75 and Black Valentines and Refugees at \$3.

Fred J. Taylor, local representative of the Hamburger Company, estimates that the 22 cars forwarded since the opening of the fall season November 22 were loaded by not more than 12 growers. Total shipments of beans since the opening of the season have sold for a gross \$35,000.

Practically all the shipments have been by farmers whose land is in "the triangle" served by a dike and pump system. St. H. Fisher is the largest single grower. He had a car out this week. Louis Creech of Belle Glade will start shipping cars Monday. That will be the first of the movement from Belle Glade in car lots.

The present movement from the south end of the lake is wholly of beans. The acreage of English peas is large and the picking will start next month.

## MALLARD-WEATHERS

The engagement of Miss Gladys Weathers of Sheldon, Ga. to Earl E. Mallard of Canal Point was announced here in the Atlantic Journal-Miss Weathers is a teacher in the local school and Mr. Mallard is an employee of Hillboro Canal. West Palm Beach canal is too low for barges to take place Saturday evening.

## DRAGLINE MOVED

The dragline has been moved from Pahokee to Bacom Point to put it closer to the rock that will be barged from Hillsboro Canal. West Palm Beach canal is too low for barges to take place Saturday evening.

and Beef Salad, Bombe Tutti, Cakes, Demi Tasse, Minis. The Lions Club, accompanied by the band, will traverse the Conners Highway, making several stops and leaving the Way building on South Olive street at 9 o'clock in the morning.

## THE EVERGLADES NEWS

BOWARD SHARP, Publisher.

## GOING AHEAD

Needs for new school buildings and other public improvements are being met in South Florida, sales of bond issues showing there is no let-up in growth.

Bringing 102.62, said to be the highest price paid for similar bonds in south Florida during the past year, a \$400,000 block of 6 per cent Lee county school bonds was sold this week by the board of public instruction to C. W. McNear & Company of Chicago and New York. The Homestead city council has completed arrangements with J. R. Durrance of Jacksonville, representative of a bond house of that city, for purchase of a block of \$600,000 of this city's municipal bonds, within several months ago in amount of \$1,300,000.

Improvement bond issues of \$52,000 and \$55,000 each of the city of Stuart were sold this week at a private sale. W. L. Slayton & Company of Toledo, Ohio, and Orlando, purchased both issues. Their representative was in town to bid on the St. Lucie inlet bonds, and upon learning of the city issue decided to investigate the issue.

## CITIZENS AGAIN CONTROL AFFAIRS

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ence between the water levels of the Diston district and that of the Clewiston development. The latter is in fine shape and things growing in a way to make the heart of any farmer glad.

Perhaps the chief topic of conversation on the streets is the injustice of the Red Cross claim that they are ahead of Moore Haven's readiness to use awards since they made a number that have not yet been used. It is almost universally true that where this condition exists the people are in a position to finance that part of necessary work so that they may go ahead with the repairing of their homes.

The Democrat feels as though the flood didn't get all the good business since its entire force has worked from before eight to the morning until the light went out at ten at night every day this week.

The picture show still continues with two showings a week, Friday and Saturday nights from week to week. Though the number of showings has been less than before the flood the quality of the programs has been maintained.

Brother Jones, the Methodist pastor, seems quite at home now holding regular services in the Presbyterian church as do the Baptist Methodists, who form the congregation with a sprinkling of Presbyterians and those of other faiths.

Marshal Howell today put the old fire engine in first class order, got the new shipment of hose from the depot and everything in readiness to give the city all possible fire protection. The fire engine is kept in the Grem garage for the present.

The rejoining of the Moore Haven Luncheon Club and its expressed determination to affiliate with International Rotary if possible is one of the most cheering signs of the week.

School work has once more been organized in good shape. The Moore Haven ice plant is back on the job again making ice. Mr. Moody has been on the job constantly for several weeks now and we are all rewarded by being able to procure Moore Haven made ice.

Western Division.—Much needed plowing was done, the weather being generally favorable for outdoor work. Truck, strawberries, and all autumnal crops did well. Oats, rye, and other hardy truck improved; gardens are in fair condition; moderate showers are needed on uplands.

Daily Edition of The Everglades News  
Planned When Roads and Phones Are In

As soon as a good hard-surfaced road is completed between Canal Point and the towns at the south end of Lake Okechobee and a dependable telephone service is established, The Everglades News will begin publication of a daily edition to be issued each week-day afternoon. The daily will use a telegraph news service and will seek to make all of the upper Everglades its field.

Publication of the weekly edition of The Everglades News will be continued to serve the hundreds of non-resident owners of small farm tracts and others who have interests of various kinds in this region.

The publisher of The Everglades News has carefully considered all of the factors and circumstances and is confident that the venture will be successful as a business enterprise and a means of larger service to the upper Everglades.

The Florida East Coast railroad will have reached Hillsboro canal and probably have been extended beyond by the time highway construction is completed to the Henry county line. When telephone connection is added to the means of contact, the quick assembling of news and the distribution of the newspaper will be practicable.

A canvass shows that a circulation of upward of 1,000 copies a day is possible to a daily edition of The Everglades News. The mechanical equipment of the paper is adequate for daily issues.

Canal Point is 42 miles from West Palm Beach, 34 miles from Okechobee, 48 from Moore Haven, 115 from Miami, 135 from Tampa and 413 from Jacksonville. The morning papers published in those cities reach the upper Everglades late in the day; their evening papers have no circulation here. This leaves a large field open for an Everglades afternoon paper.

Further announcement will be made at a proper time.

## IN LIEU OF GOLF

The Editor's Own Column

Memories of Christmas of past years should be pleasant memories, to agree with the spirit of the day, but not all of mine are such; some of my Christmas experiences were as happy as such experiences should be but another was otherwise, and it is the memory of that other Christmas which is still too distinct. I recollection is diverted, then, by thoughts of Christmas experiences in which the element of surprise was pronounced, as distinguished from the element of pain or pleasure. It is of a Christmas day experience that was a bit singular that I shall write now in this column that is so much given to anecdote and reminiscence.

I was running a newspaper at Kingsburg, California. I don't know why it is the practice of some newspaper men to say they "ran" a newspaper instead of saying they operated it or conducted it. It may be a means of avoiding saying they owned the newspaper, for very often they did not own it. I think the name of the paper was the Tribune; it is that long ago—or the paper was so unimportant or so ephemeral that its name is of no consequence. On that particular Christmas Day my Christmas dinner was eaten at the local hotel, where I was the only regular boarder, and eaten alone. No doubt there had been invitations to dine in the families of friends; if so they had been declined for the reason that causes all such invitations to be declined. And after dinner, in the lobby of the hotel as much deserted as had been the dining room, with traveling men gone to the bedrooms of their families or in convival groups in Fresno. I sat looking out on the street, it too deserted.

As I sat alone in the hotel lobby, by that Christmas Day a young man entered. He glanced around—he peered around; he looked into the vacated dining room and the empty writing room. He seemed intent on speaking to some one, on making an inquiry, and I was the only person present to be addressed.

"Mister, where might you be from," he said.

He didn't say "what" and he didn't say "from," but "where" was not the voice of an Iowa or a Kansan, of whom there are many in California.

I had been thinking of the days of my youth in West Tennessee, of the time I was "roller boy" in a country printing office, of associations and incidents of that time and place. When the young man asked, "Mister, where might you be from?" I answered, "Tennessee," although I was not born in

Tennessee and I had not been in that state for many years.

"Come with me," the young man invited. I paused and thought. His manner was odd—what should I do? Well, at worst it would be no more than an adventure, so I arose and followed him without question. We passed down the street several blocks with nothing said to suggest the destination or the object. When he opened a gate I passed through it and followed him up the walk to the porch of a modest dwelling. He opened a door, with a gesture bade me enter, and from the hall I saw in what evidently was the living room a woman of middle age standing in an attitude of respect. She motioned me to a chair.

"Ma, this man says he's from Tennessee," the young man announced.

There was nothing more than that to explain why I had been summoned.

The woman remained standing, as did her son.

"My name is Mrs.," she said. (After a lapse of these years I do not recall the name.) "I was born and raised in Kentucky," she continued, "and at home we always had egg nog on Christmas. I made some today, and the son of mine, if there was any other southern-born person in Kingsburg who was used to having egg nog on Christmas and would like to have a goblet of it, so I sent my son out to the hotel to see. Would you like some?"

I said I would, and I drank a second, and then I bade adieu to the lady and her son and to her son-in-law and daughter who had returned from a brief call on a neighbor and I went back to the hotel and resumed my seat in the deserted lobby of the hotel.

## U. S. CROP REPORT

Northern Division.—Fair with generally mild temperatures stimulated the growth of all truck, and enabled farmers to do much needed plowing. Oats and strawberries improved; some potatoes were planted in favorable localities, although much out of season.

Central Division.—Citrus fruits improved, and large shipments continued from some districts. Tomato planting continued, and the planting of seed beds to other truck, advanced. Celery, lettuce and strawberries were in good condition, although cooler weather was needed for hardy truck and fruits.

Southern Division.—Showers are needed on the higher lands of this division, although truck and all other crops are fair to good. The planting of tomatoes continued in the coastal district, and truck planting increased in the drier districts of the Everglades.

## GLADES WEATHER

Everglades Experiment Station

Belle Glade, Florida

Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the week ending Saturday, December 4, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rain	Evapo- ration
12	77	51	0.00	0.137
13	78	54	0.00	0.146
14	81	57	0.00	0.149
15	84	63	0.00	0.091
16	74	46	0.00	0.141
17	73	52	0.00	0.180
18	76	52	0.00	0.143

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

Everglades Experiment Station

Belle Glade, Fla.

Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the period ending the week of, December 11, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rain	Evapo- ration
5	77	53	0.00	0.138
6	78	52	0.00	0.142
7	78	52	0.00	0.117
8	79	57	0.00	0.120
9	78	55	0.00	0.115
10	79	54	0.00	0.112
11	81	52	0.00	0.100

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

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Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending, December 11, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
5	77	65	—
6	74	66	—
7	77	67	—
8	76	67	—
9	79	67	—
10	76	61	—
11	81	58	—

Canal Point

Meteorological records at Canal Point, December 12, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
6	75	54	—
7	78	57	—
8	80	60	—
9	81	56	—
10	80	51	—
11	82	59	—
12	80	54	—
13	80	55	—

Rainfall since January 1, 1926, 5.174 inches.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Harry E. Platts, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2318, dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 14, block 5, amended plat of Freshwater addition to West Palm Beach as in plat book 6 page 29. The said land being assessed for the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of J. M. C. Jenkins. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1927.

Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of December, A. D. 1926.

Fred E. Femo,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Equitable Sales Corporation, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 4902, dated the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1915, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 21, block 7, Osceola Park. The said land being assessed for the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Edward J. Grubbs. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of November, A. D. 1926.

Fred E. Femo,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Equitable Sales Corporation, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 4105, dated the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1917, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 24, A Arden Park addition to Boynton. The said land being assessed for the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926.

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"Much May Be Said on Both Sides"  
THE OTHER SIDE

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Notice is hereby given that Equitable Sales Corporation, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 138, dated the 3rd day of August, A. D. 1914, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: All E of block 79, Delray. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of C. H. Nelson. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926.

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Fred E. Femo,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Last publication, December 24, 1926.

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Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Equitable Sales Corporation, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 4269, dated the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1917, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Unimproved tract lying north of block 6, Osceola Park. The said land being assessed for the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of November, A. D. 1926.

Fred E. Femo,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Last publication, December 24, 1926.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Equitable Sales Corporation, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 4142, dated the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1917, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 9, block 10, Town of Boynton. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Penne & Frank. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926.

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Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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## THE BANK'S PART IN A REGION'S GROWTH

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## PAHOKEE

Frank Hattaway, Miss Susie Maxwell and Witt Guise took Junior Cason to West Palm Beach Sunday to see his mother who is ill in the hospital there. Mrs. C. L. Wilder and son Edgar are expected home from Bowling Green, where they have been visiting.

James Segler spent the week end with his wife and daughter in Fort Pierce.

J. R. Poland and James Segler made a business trip to West Palm Beach Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poland spent Saturday in West Palm Beach.

Miss Sarah Hansen will return Saturday from Tallahassee where she has been attending college, to spend the holidays with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hansen.

Mrs. S. J. Jones returned home last week from Jacksonville, where she has been visiting her daughter.

A crowd went hunting last week. Among the lucky ones were J. C. Tabb, T. S. Spooner and little Doss Tabb, 11 years old, who killed a deer.

A Christmas program will be given at the Methodist church, Christmas Eve. The King, Christmas Eve, and several recitations and songs will be given. The children in the program will be dressed in costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Robinson moved Tuesday into J. W. Davis house, which was recently vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and daughter, Valeria were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hansen Sunday. Mrs. Hansen went back with the Baileys Sunday and visited with them until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Robinson and family and G. C. McLarty made a business trip to West Palm Beach Tuesday.

On Thursday night, December 22, a delightful little comedy entitled "Miss Molly" will be given at the Pahokee Theater.

The scene is laid in the living room of the home of Reginald Peters, a bachelor and a woman-hater. The characters are as follows: Reginald Peters, E. G. Kilpatrick; Julian Hewitt, Chas. M. Todd; Joe Johnson, Leo Maxwell; Annie Peters, Mrs. W. H. Lair; Molly Peters, Miss Margaret York; Cissie Saunders, Mrs. Chas. M. Todd; Pearl White, Miss Hilda Lee; Lady Elusia Miston, Mrs. J. R. York. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis moved to Clewiston Tuesday.

Rev. Earl Lewis and family are visiting in Pahokee a few days. While here, Rev. Lewis held the morning and evening services at the Baptist church Sunday.

A. J. York returned Saturday from the west coast, where he has been attending a Baptist convention.

Frank Olson visited relatives in Pahokee Sunday.

Miss Margaret York taught a few days for Mrs. W. A. Adams at Canal Point.

The dentist, Dr. Griffith, has an office in Pahokee for a short while. His office can be found in the back of the Pahokee rooming house.

Dr. Shannon has been very sick this week.

Mrs. C. A. Shive and daughter, Geratime are on the sick list this week.

Miss Lola Elliott will work in the post office the rest of the season, as the postmaster, G. C. McLarty is farming.

W. G. Long has returned after visiting his children and also visiting in other parts of the country.

On Christmas Eve Santa Claus will be at Mrs. A. Kaltenbruner's novelty shop. All children invited to come.

A. Kaltenbruner has a new electric sign with the word Gasoline over the filling station. Mrs. Emma Walden and two friends from Tampa called on Mrs. Walden's brothers, Messrs. Lennie, Vann and Charles Stuckey Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cochran

motored to Indiantown Sunday afternoon.

Among the teachers from Pahokee who are leaving to spend the holidays at their homes are: Miss Evelyn Wiley, who will go to her home in Lake Worth, and Mrs. J. W. Hughes and son, who will go to their home in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

"I've never been in such a disastrous conflagration in all my life," said winsome Miss Hilda Lee as Pearly White, in "Miss Molly." Be sure to see this comedy December 23 at Pahokee Theater.

The Pahokee Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting December 29 at the home of Mrs. C. A. Shive. This will be a social meeting in charge of the music committee of which Mrs. Duncan Padgett is chairman. All members are requested to be there at 3:30 p. m. promptly. A fine program is being prepared for this meeting.

An expensive doll will be given away Christmas Eve at Mrs. Alice Padgett's store. With very pound of candy you will receive a ticket. Anyone might get the lucky ticket so come and try for the doll. The doll can be seen in the window of Mrs. Padgett's store.

Dr. E. D. Harris, who has owned land on Kraemer Island for several years, has resumed the position of county veterinarian of Okechobee county which he resigned last year. He has been living at Fort Pierce but when the Okechobee county veterinarian resigned, he went back on the job, the salary having been increased. Dr. Harris was the state veterinarian several years ago, leaving that position to enlist in the army and serve in France.

Dr. Harris visited Canal Point Sunday, driving down on that day when he does not have to work and coming just to see how things are doing on here. He has not let out his land on Kraemer and does not intend to farm it this year. A Philadelphia man has an option to buy Dr. Harris' Kraemer tract.

## THE BANK OF PAHOKEE

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There are some in this bank unkind. They'll be pleased if they'd see it go down. Just to give up its place for another. That is owned by some rich folks in town.

But it passed through the very worst seasons. It will stand through the coming years. And we think there are very good reasons. To deposit without any fears. Frank Friend

## W. O. W. MEETING

There will be an important meeting of Castard Apple Camp No. 29, at the Methodist Church in Pahokee Monday night, December 28, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Jas. Maxwell, Clerk.

## WHAT PEOPLE SAY

H. J. Chapman, West Palm Beach: "I could never understand why more water was not let out of the lake and morowout of the canal at West Palm Beach. The amount from each canal might not have been large but the total from all of the canals would have been considerable. Evidently if the lake had been three feet lower at the time of the hurricane, the height of water blown onto the land at Moon's Haven and Clewiston would have been three feet lower."

## DENTAL NOTICE

I am now in Pahokee and expect to be until Friday morning, December 24. All who wish to have dental work done please call and see me at your earliest convenience. Respectfully,  
D. M. GRIFFITH, D. D. S.

## COMING

### PAHOKEE THEATER

Saturday, Dec. 18—That's My Baby, With Douglas McLean.  
Wednesday, Dec. 22 and 23—For Heaven's Sake, a 10-reel Harold Lloyd picture.

Saturday, Dec. 25—Say It Again, with Richard Dix.  
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1—Behind The Front, with Wallace Berry and Raymond Hatton.

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## Sees Processes of Glades Progress

"The problems of the Everglades are getting nearer to solution each year through experience that is gained and the whole thing is going to be worked out successfully," George W. Brown of West Palm Beach remarked in the course of a call made at the office of The Ever-

glades News the first of the week.

Mr. Brown is a long-time resident of Palm Beach county and for many years has been one of the leading building contractors. About eight years ago he was a member of a firm that operated under the name of Brown & Wilcox, and when the Florida Sugar & Food Products Company was organized to establish a sugar plantation at Canal Point his firm bought stock in it. His

firm also bought the land on West Palm Beach canal known as the Chauncey Groves place, opposite old Connersville, with the idea of planting the land to sugar cane. The firm of Brown & Wilcox has been dissolved as a building proposition but they retain title to the land. They could have sold the land during the real estate boom but as the prospective buyers were speculators and not developers Brown & Wilcox held on to it. Now Mr. Brown says they are considering what practical use can be made of the land and it was with that in mind that he came out to Canal Point this week.

"B. G. Dahlberg's idea of growing sugar cane chiefly to get material for Celotex, the lumber substitute, or new kind of lumber, and making sugar as a by-product seems to me to be the most practical thing that has been proposed," Mr. Brown said. "I am told that some varieties of sugar cane are more resistant than others to unfavorable growing conditions and that the growth of the resistant varieties is possible on a deal such as Mr. Dahlberg proposes, for even if the sugar content of such varieties is low, the residuum, or bagasse, is still valuable for Celotex."

Looking across the canal where a dragline machine stood, Mr. Brown was reminded of something else: "Experience is being developed out of experience—we are learning how to do things, and this lowers costs and makes it practicable to do things that could not well be done a few years ago. I notice how dragline machines are used to load barges with rock at one end of the canal and unload at the other end. This is a new method. When Loxahatchee road was built several years ago the barges were unloaded by using negro laborers to put the rock into wheelbarrows with shovels. It is by working out better methods that production costs are lowered and this with the finding of new uses for Everglades products makes it look as if all of the land can be put to producing."

## EVERYBODY HAPPY AT MOORE HAVEN

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decorative devices of Madame's—quaint light fixtures, a garlanded tree cunningly trimmed with artificial flowers that looked more realistic than real ones; a trellis strung with wisteria—"In my country they grow so big and beautiful always in March, April and May," says Madame—flowering cherries and Japanese maples in the corners and flowers everywhere here and there strung with electric lights.

It was a scene to remember, especially with Madame and Papa Watanabe "out in front" to greet guests with a distinguished little bow it would take some of us years to learn to imitate.

"Papa" and Madame were all dressed up in the costumes of their own land. They had set out for the occasion also fine old examples of Japanese art; one a bit of extraordinary brush work and the other a silk embroidered tapestry of a scene of Japan, both pieces several hundred years old.

P. L. Williamson introduced Monsieur and Madame Watanabe and everybody gave them three cheerings. We missed a bet on that. They should have been "hazards" but the general effect was the same.

Dinner was served at ten o'clock. The dance floor was crowded but we like it that way—something real and thoroughly bumping into Bill Hooker and getting a friendly grin from him. If you want to get into an atmosphere of real friendliness come to a Clevelston Inn party. We have a Christmas party, for Christmas night, and a New Year's Eve dance on the schedule. The "social life" at Clevelston is full and plenty. The same Fort Myers orchestra will play from nine until one at the New Year's Eve party.

But we will have to stay some to keep up with Madame's standard from now on. Her's was a real party.

Just to keep our heads in the next night, December 11, was the occasion of a genuine surprise birthday party for Jesse Allhands. Mrs. Allhands spent several weeks framing that up on her husband and got away with it. It was one of the times when the guest of honor really was surprised. Madame left the decorations in place in the dining room and Mr. Allhands got enough gifts to enable him to smoke, as they used to say in Rome, "ad lib."

Added to these festivities are the Clevelston motion picture shows, now being given every Thursday night at the Clevelston Inn dining room. They are drawing good "houses."

Things like that add to the pleasure of seeing a big bean crop on its way to the cold, cold north. They increase the pleasure of scooting off (something like a schoolboy with books not on his mind) and toting back some ducks or quail or turkeys. They give a finer look the following day to the black fields faced with green plants where the pickers—also somewhat ebony—are singing these days.

A week or so ago a Clevelston lady sat beside an open window in a thin dress and wrote a letter to some of her folks living near Philadelphia. She mentioned how warm and pleasant it was that night.

More recently she received an irritated reply. "The night you mentioned," her correspondent wrote, "we were seeing the finish of a six inch snowfall—a regular blizzard. The next day it was so cold I didn't know for sure whether I had ears, or a nose or hands or feet."

Down in Miami last week some of us bought Christmas cards to send home. These cards read something like this: "We hope your Christmas up north will be as happy as ours down here in Florida."

It seems like rubbing it in, but we "have a right to hope." It is too late to do it this year but next year we are going to have some Christmas cards

specially printed to read, "We hope your Christmas up north will be nearly as wonderful and happy as ours is down here in the Everglades."

Hoping you are the same,  
L. R. W. Jr.

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Witness my official signature and seal this 9th day of November, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fénno,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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range 43 east, 5 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Anna L. McRae. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926.

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## A GOOD FINANCIER

Sam Sherrard, the county agent of Okeechobee county, went to Miami last week as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce to the state organization's agricultural conference. He stayed two days and on his return, turned in an expense bill of \$15. The Okeechobee News says "Either Miami is the cheapest town in Florida or else Sam is the best financier in Okeechobee."

## A ROAD TO STUART

The commissioners of Okeechobee county have called for bids for the construction of a paved road from that city toward Sherman mill, the road eventually to connect with a highway which Martin county is building from Stuart via Indian town to the Okeechobee county line. The commissioners set aside \$20,000 from the Eagle Bay road bond money for the Sherman-Stuart road work.

## THE COUNTY SEAT

Regular meetings of the tourist club have been resumed. At the last meeting one of the speakers was F. B. Collier of Chicago, who told of his visit to the tomb of King Tut in Egypt. The meetings are held in the municipal auditorium.

Members of the Palm Beach County Real Estate Board met Monday at Boca Raton as guests of the development company.

The winter schedules of the Florida East Coast and Seaboard Air Line railroads are now in effect and the special trains are bringing many tourists.

## PAYING TAXES WELL

Okeechobee is the only county in Florida with a record of having collected every dollar of taxes in one year (1924) and it is believed the record will be made again in 1927. More than 600 persons already have paid their 1926 taxes in that county. Previously the number paying up to December 1 has been about 300.

## CHURCH MEMBERS WIN

J. Denham Bird, who was elected mayor of Okeechobee last week, is a staunch Presbyterian. Casey, Hancock and Chandler, who were elected to the council, are active workers in the Baptist church. Walker and Lator, the other councilmen, are not members of any church but are moral men.

## RATE FOR IRRIGATION

A rate of 10 cents per 1000 gallons has been made by the Okeechobee town council for water used for irrigation by farmers. The tapage fee has been reduced from \$25 to \$15.

## 1,035 HUNTING LICENSES

From November 20 to December 1, County Judge Durrance of Okeechobee issued 1,035 hunting licenses.

## SOUTH FLORIDA

A pasture grass demonstration given on the Garrup farm near Fort Pierce was conducted by Alfred Warren county agent, H. S. McLendon, agricultural agent for the F. E. C. railroad and Dr. John Scott and H. L. Brown, feed and dairy specialists from the state university.

Theodore Dehon was re-elected president of the Stuart Chamber of Commerce.

The Lee county grand jury, investigating a lynching at La Belle in Hendry county, did not find who the members of the mob were but it recommended that Sheriff D. L. McLaughlin be removed from office because he did not prevent the lynching. An additional \$750,000 of the \$2,550,000 bonds issued for the building of the overseas highway from Key West to the Florida mainland have been sold.

## THE COUNTY

(West Palm Beach, County Seat) The Southern Bell Telephone Company's new system at Lake Worth will be cut in December 20. The new building is near completion.

E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia, who has wintered in Palm Beach, is a big man in his own town but he was unable to get the Palm Beach town council to change the location of a fire station.

Rev. William E. Biedlerwolf is conducting a revival in West Palm Beach. Joe L. Earman says no revivalist has ever conducted a successful campaign in that city.

Palm Beach county got the highest prices at the Jacksonville state fair for dairy products, vegetables and citrus fruits.

Contract for rebuilding a road from Lake Worth to Military Trail has been let to E. F. Porsers Construction Company. This will do away with the improvised crossing over the Seaboard railroad.

The first Seaboard train into Lake Worth is due January 8.

The Hotel Alba in Palm Beach will open January 5. The "tourist season" will really be under way then.

## STATE GENERAL

A bird has been presented to the Kissimmee zoo which "is believed to be a Florida eagle."

Buildings for which permits were issued in Lake Wales in the past year had a value of \$1,018,917.

Spitzer, Rorick & Company of Toledo, Ohio, bought the \$225,000 bond issue of Volusia county for a road to the Flagler county line.

William E. Evans of Euclid has been appointed county agent for Indian River county. The salary is \$3,600.

The funeral of Charles Ringling, the circus man, was held December 6 at Sarasota, where he lived for several years.

## OKEECHOBEE

(From The News.)

Rev. E. M. C. Dunklin attended the state Baptist convention at Lakeland.

The Lake Wales Glee Club gave an entertainment at the high school auditorium.

Several Okeechobee men are employed in Osceola county on state road No. 29.

The Okeechobee choral union will give a Christmas program at the auditorium Friday evening, December 17.

Rev. T. M. Lee and Dr. C. A. O'Quinn attended the M. E. district conference at Hawthorne.

Dr. Bibb, Albert Berka, Carl Simmons, Ellis Walston, Jimmy Wilson, J. E. Price, Claude Simmons and C. A. Daugherty attended the Shrine ceremonial at Lakeland. Louis and Ed Scharfswerder were among the candidates.

The Highway filling station, which was damaged by fire a few weeks ago, is being repaired and will be operated by W. G. Stovall.

Sam Sherrard, county agent, represented Okeechobee at the agricultural conference held at Miami last week.

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# The Everglades News

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*Welcome To*  
*The Greatest of All Truck*  
*Farming Countries*  
*The*  
**FLORIDA EVERGLADES**

WELCOME TO  
THE LAND OF  
PLENTY —  
WATER, SOIL  
AND SUNSHINE

WE  
WANT  
MORE  
FARMERS

BIG CITIES GROW WHERE FARMERS SUCCEED

Robert Brooks '36  
Hollingsworth

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE EVERGLADES

There are some certain and definite things that can be done for the advancement of the Everglades. They can not be completed right away, for the work should be continuing for many years, but they can be started now.

The great need of the Everglades is drainage; that is fairly well taken care of now. Next to drainage are roads—roads second because without drainage there is no need of roads, and a comprehensive road program is being executed. The railroad situation is good in prospect; what it is to eventuate in depends on the progress of drainage operations, and we have said that drainage is fairly well taken care of.

Some of the things that are referred to as assets of the Everglades have been referred to so often that they are commonplace—soil, climate and geographical situation. It will be well if we avoid too much dwelling on the possession of these natural advantages, for contemplation of them tends to lessen initiative and makes us lax in utilizing them by doing the things that must be done. There is an asset of the Everglades that it is well to consider and make use of. This asset is the ownership of thousands of small tracts of land by persons located all over the United States who still are anxious to come here and take up residence. The Everglades would have a splendid prospect in its present stage of development; it has a magnificent prospect through the opportunity to utilize the enthusiasm of the thousands of non-resident owners.

Ownership of tracts of land by persons who want to come here and settle reduces the time and labor required for settlement; the arduous task of "selling the country" has been accomplished. A distinct duty is due to the non-resident owners from every agency that has any connection with the Everglades.

Thus one of the certain and definite things that can be done for the advancement of the Everglades relates to the non-resident owners, who by their payment of taxes over a long term have provided a considerable part of the funds for reclamation.

The Everglades News is procuring a list of the non-residents. Access to this list is available to all Chambers of Commerce, and we commend the use of this list to those organizations. Expenditures to interest persons in Florida who have never visited the state or made investments here while taxpayers are ignored is not a gracious or business-like thing. Not all of the land owned by non-residents has been made available for settlement, but there is considerable acreage in the sub-drainage districts that is ready for cultivation. It will require a good deal of close attention to detail to segregate and list the ownership of lands available for settlement and

communicate with the owners but close attention to detail is one of the certain and definite things that are called for now, to replace the grand hurrah stuff of the past.

It is the view of The Everglades News that with intelligent administration of the existing drainage facilities there are thousands of acres of land that can be cultivated the year round. Only a small part of the land possible of cultivation is in cultivation, and this for only a part of the year. There are hundreds of non-resident owners who want to know if their land is ready for cultivation. To

### GRASS

JOHN J. INGALLS.

Next in importance to the divine profusion of water, light, and air, those three great physical facts which render existence possible, may be reckoned the universal beneficence of grass. Grass is the most widely distributed of all vegetable beings, and is at once the type of our life and the emblem of our mortality. Lying in the sunshine among the buttercups and dandelions of May, scarcely higher in intelligence than the minute tenants of that mimic wilderness, our earliest recollections are of grass; and when the fitful fever is ended, and the foolish wrangle of the market and forum is closed, grass heals over the scar which our descent into the bosom of the earth has made, and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead.

As he reflected upon the brevity of human life, grass has been the favorite symbol of the moralist, the chosen theme of philosopher. "All flesh is grass," said the prophet; "My days are as the grass," sighed the troubled patriarch; and the pensive Nebuchadnezzar, in his penitential mood, exalted even these, and as the sacred historian informs us, did eat grass like an ox.

Grass is the forgiveness of Nature—her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass, and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become like rural lanes, and are obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers wither, but grass is immortal. Beleguired by the sullen hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impregnable fortress of its subterranean vitality, and emerges upon the first solicitation of spring. Sown by winds, by wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements which are its ministers and servants, it softens the rude outline of the world. Its tenacious fibres hold the earth in its place, and prevent its soluble components from washing into the wasting sea. It invades the solitude of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slopes and forbidding pinnacles of mountains, modifies climates, and determines the history, character and destiny of nations. Unobtrusive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggression. Banished from the thoroughfare and the field, it abides its time to return, and when vigilance is relaxed, or the dynasty has perished, it silently resumes the throne from which it has been expelled, but which it never abdicates. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, and yet should its harvests fail for a single year, famine would depopulate the world.

expect them to make a trip to Florida to learn the condition of their land is not a reasonable requirement.

The survey of the Everglades that is called for in order to correlate land and ownership may disclose that although sub-drainage districts have been organized and improvements made in them, the operation of the districts lacks in efficiency. If this is the case it is a condition that must be faced and considered and corrected in due time. There will be a better market for drainage bonds when drainage works are efficiently handled, and efficiency will be promoted by replacing lax drainage officials with supervisors who will give attention the needs of the residents in the district. That is another certain and definite thing that can be done for the advancement of the Everglades.

There is tax-evasion and land monopoly in the

Everglades, probably no more marked here than elsewhere, but some mitigation of the condition will be a factor in hastening the development of the region.

The persons in whose hands have lain the control of the Everglades have been lacking in enterprise. These persons are the commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, the supervisors of the sub-drainage districts and the large landowners. Control has not been in the hands of the residents and is not in the hands of the residents, and unfortunately there is little prospect that the residents will have control. The responsibility for the Everglades in the future, then, is in the hands of persons other than the residents. If these persons who are in control have faith in the region there is a duty on them to exercise the leadership they possession and retain, and to exercise control for the benefit of all.

Proposal that an organization be effected and maintained for the advancement of the Everglades, and primarily the colonization of the drained areas, is not a chimerical idea.

The promotion agencies of South Florida have too long looked at the Everglades in local aspects—each has boosted its own part without considering the region as a whole. Organization of the Association of Sub-Drainage Districts is the most forward-looking action that has been taken since the creation of Everglades Drainage District, for it tends to broaden the view. If it is precursor to an organization that will embrace all interests in the entire region its conception was a splendid thing.

The State of Florida owns thousands of acres of land in the Everglades; the state has a bureau of immigration. This bureau can be an instrument for the advancement of the Everglades. With it the Association of Sub-Drainage Districts can work. Chambers of Commerce of cities adjacent to the Everglades deal occasionally with colonization of lands in their "back country." A consolidation of the efforts of these several organizations ought to accomplish substantial results, while each retains its identity and field but working with an organization devoted solely to the settlement of the Everglades. Cities and counties have found it advantageous to levy taxes for publicity; the legislature will authorize the collection of a publicity tax on lands in the Everglades if the proposal is endorsed by the trustees of the internal improvement fund and the large land owners.

The residents of the Everglades await a program from the persons who control the district. The men in control have distinct qualities and large capability. The question is, will they use their abilities? They will not unless they are urged to it. If they do respond to this plea they will have the full support of the residents of the Everglades. We confess we are trying to tempt the commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and the large land owners into committing themselves to recommendations. It is necessary for the advancement of the Everglades that the men in control do commit themselves. Sale of land by the trustees of the internal improvement fund or companies while responsibility for the fate of buyers is disclaimed is not a practice that will be continued. When the men who control the district have committed themselves the residents will be in position to make programs for their communities.

## PROPOSES PLAN OF ROAD-ALL AROUND LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Representative Wilson From  
Dade County Plans To  
Need For It

STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT  
HAS FUNDS FOR DOING IT

Thought Suggested By State-  
ments Made At Governor's  
Drainage Conference

"State Highway From Canal  
Point Along the Shoreline Of  
The Southern Portion Of Lake  
Okeechobee To Moore Haven.

"There exists today a vital  
need for such a highway be-  
cause the territory through  
which it passes is a highly pro-  
ductive farming section; the  
commercial needs of the various  
communities along its route  
more than warrant its construction  
and further there has never  
been any form of suitable high-  
way facilities in this district.

"Of greater importance how-  
ever than any of the above reasons  
is the protection to the lives  
of the citizens of these commu-  
nities that such a highway would  
bring from a flood disaster by the  
waters of Lake Okeechobee such  
as the recent Moore Haven trag-  
edy. This highway constructed  
by the State Highway Commis-  
sion according to proper engi-  
neering design would serve as a  
dike replacing the inadequate  
dikes already in use and thus  
offer to these farming commu-  
nities protection of life and crops,  
a fitting reward which these  
communities have more than  
earned by their pioneering ef-  
forts; their unimpaired fortitude  
in combating the obstacles of  
flood, drought and fire and the  
economic necessity because of  
their development.

"The construction of this high-  
way would be from material dug  
or dredged from both sides of  
the road and this could be ac-  
complished in such a manner as  
to create two navigable canals  
one on either side giving the ad-  
ditional asset of water trans-  
portation where most needed and  
perhaps serving even further as  
drainage or irrigation canals.  
The transportation value would  
however, depend upon hyacinth  
control.

"The writer attended the recent  
Everglades Drainage Confer-  
ence convened by order of our  
Governor at West Palm Beach,  
and was highly impressed by the  
eagerness displayed by the ad-  
ministration as well as the dele-  
gates to solve this important  
problem in which the whole state  
as well as the nation is concern-  
ed.

"One of the Okeechobee dele-  
gates spoke of the apprehension  
and fear under which the farm-  
ers of his section lived during  
the flood periods of Lake Okeechobee  
because of the inade-  
quate dike protection against  
flood and the possible repetition  
of the Moore Haven disaster.

"The Administration spoke of  
the impossibility of immediate  
relief because of the lack of  
funds in the Treasury of the  
State Drainage Board. Another  
Okeechobee delegate stressed  
the fact that besides the great  
need of drainage and flood pro-  
tection a greater need of high-  
way transportation now existed.  
The remarks from the above  
delegates gave to the writer the  
idea that the three problems  
were subject to immediate so-  
lution by the accomplishment of  
one; namely the construction of  
the proposed highway by the  
State Highway Commission.  
This commission has the avail-  
able funds. The highway is an  
economic necessity. Those ef-  
fects have earned it and de-  
serve it.

"This highway should be fur-  
ther extended as soon as the af-  
fairs of the commission will per-  
mit; from Moore Haven to Okeechobee City along the west  
side of the lake thus complet-  
ing a highway system extending  
entirely around the shores of the  
lake.

"This highway would in no

way conflict with the plans for  
the flood control of the Lake in  
the opinion of the writer or it  
could be so designed as not to  
conflict but serve as a valuable  
medium in its accomplishment.

"If the idea impresses you—  
boost it.

"Respectfully submitted,  
D. EARL WILSON,  
State Representative Elect,  
Dade County, Florida."

## OKEECHOBEE WOMAN'S CLUB

By Mrs. Blanche Van Pelt  
The Woman's Club of Okeechobee  
has a membership of eighty-four work-  
ing members. Each member is either  
a professional, business or home-mak-  
ing woman; no drones in this club.  
We are affiliated with the Florida  
State Federation, and at the meeting  
of section ten of the Florida Federa-  
tion held last December 10th  
our report shows that we have accom-  
plished as much as any other club in  
our section.

Our work is divided into eight de-  
partments: Home, Health, Civics,  
Beauty, Library, Music, Art  
and Literature. Each department fur-  
nishes one program per year, and the  
lectures and reports heard on these  
occasions would be a credit to any audi-  
ence anywhere.

We own one building which is com-  
pletely furnished and represents an ex-  
penditure of about seven thousand  
(\$7,000) dollars. The building is not  
quite free of debt, but every three  
months we pay the interest and reduce  
the principal one-fourth.

We have various ways of earning  
money such as serving luncheon for  
Exchange Club and other groups, renting  
the club house for social affairs, etc.  
Our annual bazaar also nets us a hand-  
some sum. From May, 1925 to May  
1926 we raised over Twenty-five Hun-  
dred (\$25,000) dollars.

The Boy and Girl Scouts have free  
use of the club house and the Woman's  
Club of Okeechobee are sponsors for  
the Okeechobee Girl Scouts. Our  
building is also used for other civic  
affairs.

Until three years ago we had main-  
tained a library but at that time we  
lost crowded out of a place in which  
to house our books. However, we are  
now at work on a new library which  
is one of our main objectives for this  
club year. A successful book show-  
er was held in November and we will  
feel very grateful toward anyone who  
can add a book to our library.

We have recently beautified our  
club grounds to the extent of four  
hundred (\$400) dollars for labor  
alone. Of this amount the Exchange  
Club kindly donated \$75, the Woman's  
Club gave \$55 and the balance was gen-  
erously borne by Messrs. Nair and  
Stocall.

When our general fund suffered an-  
tecedent in a bank failure last June (and  
where it is still asleep) we have had to  
rally our forces and get down to real  
work. Our building was considerably  
damaged during the storm of July and  
the hurricane of September, but this  
damage was immediately repaired. At  
the time the repairs were ordered we  
had not one cent in the treasury, but  
when the work was done we were able  
to meet our obligations.

An old adage says: "It is an ill wind  
blows nobody good," and in our  
case it seems that our misfortunes have  
been a means of bringing us closer to-  
gether, making us work all the harder,  
and thereby bringing out the very best  
that was in us.

We have bravely met all obstacles,  
we have prospered, our membership is  
on the increase, everything most har-  
monious, in short, our work shows that our  
achievements have exceeded our expec-  
tations and upon all this we can look  
back with satisfaction, pride and grati-  
tude.

Our work has an influence for good  
that is felt throughout the community.  
This influence has been of the lasting  
kind, and we can now safely say that  
the Woman's Club of Okeechobee has  
been weighed and not found wanting.  
"Thine" found its breast the rolling  
clouds are spread.  
Florida sunshine forever settles on  
its head."

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised Gen-  
eral Statutes of Florida  
Notice is hereby given that Edgar S.  
Mottet, purchaser of Tax Certificate  
No. 274, dated the 7th day of July,  
A. D. 1926, has filed said certificate in  
my office and has made application for  
tax deed to issue in accordance with  
law. Said certificate embraces the fol-  
lowing described property, situated  
in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit:  
Lots 42 and 43 Buchanan block, Saffers  
Bonnyview Addition, to West Palm  
Beach as in plat book 7, pages 78 and  
79, section 28, township 43 south, range  
43 east. The said land being assessed  
at the date of the issuance of such cer-  
tificate in the name of Unknown. Un-  
less said certificate shall be redeemed  
according to law, tax deed will issue  
thereon on the 22nd day of January,  
A. D. 1927.

Witness my official signature and  
seal this 8th day of December, A.  
D. 1926.  
Fred E. Fenno,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach  
County, Florida.  
First publication, Dec. 17, 1926.  
Last publication, Jan. 21st, 1927.

## SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES IN GLAES

### SCENES AT THE SOUTH END OF THE LAKE



Top—V. C. Denton's General Merchandise Store at Belle Glade.  
V. C. Denton's General Merchandise Store at South Bay.

Middle at Left—School House at South Bay. Franz Lumber and  
Supply Company's Store at South Bay.

Bottom—South Bay Hotel and Group of Guests. Freidheim &  
Crocker General Merchandise Store, South Bay.

### SCENES IN BELLE GLADE



Top—Belle Glade Hotel. Next—Belle Glade School House. Third  
Picture—Reidel Service Station, Belle Glade. Fourth Picture—  
Methodist Church, Belle Glade. Bottom—H. T. Holloway's Dwell-  
ing, Belle Glade. The House Is Equipped with a "Home Outfit"  
Electric Light Plant and Water System. The Tract of Land  
Around the House Is One of the Best Truck Farms In the Section.  
The Land Had Not Been Prepared for Planting When the Picture  
Was Taken.

Welcome to the Florida Everglades,  
the greatest truck farming country of  
the United States. As yet the surface  
has been but scratched. There is room  
for you here.

Before you pay heed to any  
unfavorable publicity broadcast-  
ed regarding this district make  
a personal investigation.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised Gen-  
eral Statutes of Florida  
Notice is hereby given that Equitable  
Sales Corporation, purchaser of Tax  
Certificate No. 483, dated the 3rd day  
of July, A. D. 1927, has filed said  
certificate in my office and has made  
application for tax deed to issue in  
accordance with law. Said certificate  
embraces the following described prop-  
erty, situated in Palm Beach County,  
Florida, to-wit: Lot 29, block 8, Hypo-  
luxo. The said land being assessed at

the date of the issuance of such cer-  
tificate in the name of Sarah J. Tind-  
er. Unless said certificate shall be redem-  
ed according to law, tax deed will is-  
sue thereon on the 27th day of Decem-  
ber, A. D. 1928.

Witness my official signature and  
seal this 9th day of November,  
A. D. 1926.  
Fred E. Fenno,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach  
County, Florida.  
First publication, November 19, 1926.  
Last publication, December 24, 1926.

## DUCK HUNTING

## BASS FISHING

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day. Your own kind of home-cooking.

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A Merry Christmas To All

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
TAX DEED**

Under Section 77 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Mary M. Potts, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2521, dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 6, block 11, Amended plat of Fresh-water addition to West Palm Beach as in plat book 6 page 26. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1927.

Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of December, A. D. 1926.

Ernest P. Femo,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.  
First publication, Dec. 17, 1926.  
Last publication, Jan. 21st, 1927.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
TAX DEED**

Under Section 77 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Miles C. Rabin, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3254, dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 12, block 290 Town of Lake Worth as in plat book 2 pages 29 to 49 inclusive. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1927.

Witness my official signature and seal this 10th day of November, A. D. 1926.

Fred E. Femo,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.  
First publication, Nov. 26, 1926.  
Last publication, Dec. 31, 1926.

**ASSESSMENT OF LANDS IN DRAINAGE  
DISTRICT AND TOTAL OF TAXES PAID**

Revenue for work of reclamation that is being done in Everglades drainage district is obtained from taxation of the land and by sale of bonds of the district, the bonds finally to be paid off from funds derived by taxation. Administration of the district is in the hands of a board of five state officials, hence the board of commissioners of Everglades drainage district is often referred to as the "state drainage board" although the state is only incidentally a party to the operations of the district.

The State of Florida owns land in Everglades drainage district and taxes on the state-owned land is paid by the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with money derived from the sale of other state-owned lands. No appropriation is made by the legislature for Everglades drainage.

Taxes are assessed and levied every two years. The assessment is made by the legislature on the recommendations made by the commissioners of the drainage district. The taxes are assessed on the theory of benefits and also on the basis of value, location and quality of the soil being considered as well as the value given by drainage.

A zoning system is used in fixing the tax per acre. Land around Lake Okeechobee is in the first zone and is assessed at the highest rate. Other zones include land along the canals. Land between the canal zones takes a lower rate. Land most distant from canals takes the lowest rate.

A tabulated statement of the classification of land is printed herewith. This assessment was made at the 1925 session of the legislature. Another assessment will be made at the 1927 session. Martin county is not included in the list separately because it was a part of Palm Beach county when the assessment was made.

**ASSESSMENT AT 82 CENTS AN ACRE**

County	Acres	Taxes
Broward	69,702	\$57,158.10
Dade	84,742	69,458.44
Glades	23,804	19,406.94
Henry	15,541	11,103.62
Palm Beach	100,068	82,055.76
Totals	291,723	\$239,212.86

**ASSESSMENT AT 56 CENTS AN ACRE**

County	Acres	Taxes
Broward	157,330	\$88,104.80
Dade	42,487	23,801.52
Glades	26,628	14,911.68
Henry	3,084	1,727.04
Palm Beach	279,760	156,665.60
Totals	509,299	\$285,190.64

**ASSESSMENT AT 46 CENTS AN ACRE**

County	Acres	Taxes
Broward	14,725	\$6,773.50
Dade	23,132	10,642.56
Okeechobee	19,101	8,787.84
Palm Beach	222,532	102,364.72
Totals	279,497	\$128,568.62

**ASSESSMENT AT 34 CENTS AN ACRE**

County	Acres	Taxes
Broward	313,761	\$106,678.74
Dade	31,799	10,808.60
Glades	30,255	10,286.70
Henry	99,277	33,754.18
Highlands	16,641	5,657.94
Palm Beach	384,036	130,796.64
Totals	876,420	\$297,982.80

**ASSESSMENT AT 10 CENTS AN ACRE**

County	Acres	Taxes
Broward	138,880	\$13,888.00
Collier	336,000	33,600.00
Dade	826,614	82,661.40
Glades	98,568	9,856.80
Henry	280,910	28,091.00
Highlands	16,561	1,656.10
Monroe	115,200	11,520.00
Okeechobee	39,067	3,906.70
Palm Beach	194,270	19,427.00
St. Lucie	44,800	4,480.00
Totals	2,109,878	\$210,987.80

**ASSESSMENT AT 5 CENTS AN ACRE**

County	Acres	Taxes
Broward	93,268	\$4,663.40
Highlands	44,330	2,216.50
St. Lucie	22,400	1,120.00
Totals	159,998	\$7,999.90

**TOTALS OF ACRES AND TAXES BY COUNTIES**

County	Acres	Taxes
Broward	679,676	\$265,829.64
Collier	336,000	33,600.00
Dade	984,615	106,630.96
Glades	267,111	65,809.02
Henry	419,548	85,318.40
Highlands	77,532	9,530.54
Monroe	115,200	11,520.00
Okeechobee	78,171	14,694.54
Palm Beach	1,181,334	491,310.52
St. Lucie	67,200	6,900.00
Totals	4,226,785	\$1,169,942.62

**FRANZ LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.**

A real example of success achieved in commercial pursuits in the Everglades country is found in the large business transacted at the territory served by the Franz Lumber & Supply Company of South Bay. L. Franz, the founder of this concern, is one of our pioneer residents who ever has had the greatest confidence in this section and whose efforts in spite of repeated setbacks have been well rewarded.

The firm now includes the older Franz and a son, Frank L. Franz. The son, like the father, is sold on the country and as active manager of the business is carrying it through to success. They are dealers in lumber and building materials, builders' supplies, hardware, tools, paints, oils, roofing, etc., and supply not only their own customers but ship to many other lake points.

They are at the present time making a particular specialty of crane materials, which during the trucking season are

much in demand. A new warehouse of large capacity has just been completed for them. This firm also suffered considerable loss during the late storm but nothing daunted they immediately rebuilt. In their farming operations they have been likewise successful. An example of this is found in their last year's potato yield when five and one half acres planted to potatoes netted in excess of \$1200 clear profit.

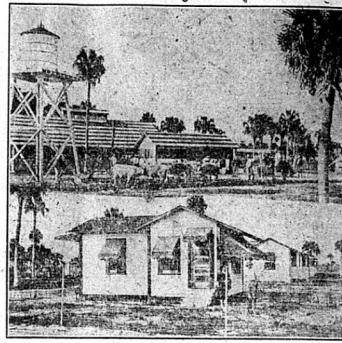
**DAD'S PLACE AT BRIDGE**

A real old time hunter who has weathered all the storms and is still doing business at the old stand as optimistic as ever, is H. L. Redder, popularly known as "Dad" Redder, who has been operating in this locality in farming and other pursuits for several years. Dad is the keeper of the bridge over the Hillsboro bend at what is known as six-mile bend near Belle Glade and in addition operates a store, a grocery, confectionery and tobacco business at this point.

**Brighton, A Growing Community**

The development company at Brighton has its construction forces at work laying water pipe. In addition to the two artesian wells already completed two more are being put down, and each of these shows a pressure of twenty-four pounds. The analysis of water

Curtiss-Bright Company has about twenty-five acres of beans under cultivation, looking fine and giving prospects of a very large yield. Growing strawberries for the market is one of the new activities at Brighton. Two growers are already



Upper—Dairy Herd.

Lower—Type of workmen's houses.

from these wells shows high quality. The new school building, authorized by the school officials of Highlands county, is nearly completed and should be ready for the reception of pupils soon after the first of the year. This is Brighton's grade school, which was considered necessary for the accommodation of the children of permanent residents of the town and the country immediately adjoining it.

enclosed in that line, setting their plants for crops of berries which are expected to get into market about the first of January. One of these growers is also engaged in general trucking, having a variety of promising looking fields well started for the winter season.

Not only the residents of Brighton, but people from many other places who enjoy fishing for big mouth black bass

are finding the fishing in the canals around Brighton exceedingly fine this fall. Many of the big fish taken with rod and reel weigh from five pounds up, and there are also very gratifying catches of speckled perch, which is a very gamey fish and delicious for the table.

With plans for having an average of ten thousand laying hens, the Brighton Poultry Ranch was established by J. D. Leaverette, an experienced poultryman, about two months ago. This ranch already has about four thousand hens, one house three hundred and twenty feet long and another one hundred feet long. During the third week in November the ranch received four hundred hens strained from the Oregon State Poultry Farm to add to the flock. Gus Salter, another poultryman, has over five hundred Plymouth Rocks on his ranch and is also engaged in general trucking.

Two dairies established in Brighton are operating with two hundred and fifty cows, and four more dairies are under construction. Four of the Brighton dairymen were previously engaged in the same line of activity at Deposit, New York.

The products from these poultry ranches and dairies are handled for the market through the Florida Dairies Corporation, which makes regular deliveries to Miami and other markets where arrangements are made for the milk, butter, eggs and poultry.

**SOUTH BAY HOTEL**

For a real home like hotel, a home like atmosphere and a real home-cooked meal, we can recommend no better place than the South Bay Hotel, most chibly conducted by Mrs. Riley Brooks. During the hunting season it is in especial favorite with the sportsmen.

Mrs. Brooks with her family came to this locality nine years ago and in spite of many set-backs has prospered. The late storm almost totally demolished the hotel but she at once caused it to be rebuilt and it is now a husky serving the public as ever. Mrs. Brooks and her meals once being known, the visitor who has partaken of her hospitality will want to come again.

**Nature  
Compensates  
For Damage**

There is nothing vindictive about nature. Handicaps may follow each other in rapid succession, but in the end and on the average NATURE "shoots square." Therefore it would seem that the 1926-1927 farming season in the Glades would prove to be extremely profitable.

The farmers are due to win. Prosperity appears to be turning with a smile in their direction, but prosperity without thrift is never permanent. Thrift consists of regular saving. Make use of your local bank and open an account. A bank book is your best friend.

Glades residents are consistent supporters of home institutions and will therefore patronize their own banks. However, it is always convenient to have a bank on the coast and it is this business which we solicit.

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## SOUTH BAY-BELLE GLADE

### Belle Glade Busy Center

That Belle Glade is destined to grow is a foregone conclusion as its townsite location is ideal, being located at the intersection of a cross state highway and the Canal Point-Pahokee road, with a railroad now being built, and completed to within six miles of the town. Further, this is considered the richest of all Everglades land and is already well developed and for the most part under cultivation.

At this date there may be seen miles after miles and acre after acre of growing crops—beans, peas, peppers, turnips, potatoes, squash, onions and other vegetable crops. One must see this country to understand it, for it is impossible to conceive what a great trucking region it is unless it is seen with the physical eyes.

Although it is a small town, Belle Glade boasts a busy commercial life. There is an excellent hotel, affording local and transient guests every convenience; two general merchandise stores, with another now being built; garage, restaurant, a fur business, filling station and auto supply house and other minor enterprises.

### V. C. Denton Store

V. C. Denton, who for several years has conducted a general merchandise business at South Bay, has a store at Belle Glade which is doing a flourishing business. This is under the management of L. C. Betner. The store is well stocked with all manner of general merchandise and is a credit to the region. Mr. Denton in person supervises his South Bay store, which is even better stocked and enters to the trade of the people from many miles adjoining. He is a keen, wide-awake business man and is a good example of success achieved in the district. Further, one finds him ever taking a personal interest in every progressive movement launched for the welfare and upbuilding of the town and country. It is such men who are building the Everglades country of the future.

### Badger's Store

What is known as Badger's Store, another general merchandise establishment at Belle Glade, is likewise doing a fine business. This is the oldest business of its kind in this section. It is today owned and operated by W. H. Smith and J. Friedheim. The active manager is W. H. Smith, while Mr. Friedheim devotes his time to his business at South Bay, which is another general merchandise store owned jointly by him and D. W. Crocker. Friedheim & Crocker have made good. Com-

ing to this country about four years ago as surveyors, they saw in prospect its ultimate growth and its business opportunities. They bought out an old established place which however had a meager stock. Today the stock is large and complete and includes every item usually found in any well stocked general store—groceries, dry goods, shoes for the whole family, notions, seeds, feeds and other items.

### "Bill's" Place

"Bill's" Place, as it is known, is Belle Glade's only restaurant and is doing a flourishing business. It is owned and operated by Wm. M. Brewer, who came from Ohio several years ago with but three dollars in his pocket and lots of confidence. He started farming and trucking and soon later engaged in his present business. The late storm almost wrecked his business but such was his faith that he immediately rebuilt and his business now shows no trace of having suffered, nor do you find traces of it in his own personality.

### PAIM BEACH MERCANTILE CO. INVITES XMAS SHOPPERS

The Palm Beach Mercantile Company at West Palm Beach is the oldest business of its kind in the county and its growth well reflects the progress of the district. It now occupies two of the best buildings in the city, fronting on both Clematis Avenue and Duval streets in the heart of the main business section.

For years this store has been a favorite shopping place for the Everglades and well stocked departments, which people. The store has seven distinct departments, including furniture, hardware, builders' supplies, general home furnishings, sporting goods, drapery and rug. This business has steadily prospered since its inception thirty years ago under the guidance of its president and one of the original organizers, W. H. DuCunha. The store announces an unusually large and varied line of holiday goods and invites the people of the Everglades region to inspect it.

### C. E. RIEDEL, SUCCESSFUL FARMER AND BUSINESS MAN

A man who has made a distinct success of his affairs and has contributed in a marked degree to the upbuilding of the country is C. E. Riedel of Belle Glade. He came to Belle Glade seven years ago and commenced farming. Among other things he built the hotel, a picture of which will be noted in this issue and laid out the Belle Glade townsite. Fully one third of these town lots have been already sold. Mr. Riedel is a good authority on Everglades land value and will be pleased to furnish any information desired relative to properties here.

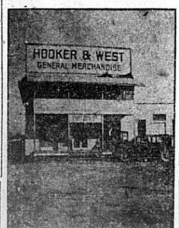
## CHOSEN

### HOOKE & WEST

#### GENERAL STORE

On Hillsboro canal near Lake Okechobee is Chosen, where the plot office is located in the general store known as the Hooker & West store. This store was started by W. R. Hooker and I. W. West in 1921 and has been doing a flourishing business ever since.

Soon after the organization Mr. West



General Merchandise Store, Chosen, Fla.

look over Hooker's interests and while operating under the old name he is now the sole owner. Mr. West is known as a live wire Everglades merchant and his store is widely patronized. He does some farming every year as a side issue and reports excellent success in his farm operations.

### F. H. FRIEDMAN, FARMER AND REALTY OPERATOR

A man who has been responsible for substantial farm development and the locating of many other farmers here is F. H. Friedman of Chosen, who yearly makes trips back to town, his old home, and invariably induces others to settle here.

He landed here five years ago and commenced farming on a small scale. Success crowned his efforts and induced him to gradually enlarge his scope of operations. He is a good authority on lands and land values of this section and will take pleasure in answering any queries of inquiry. He takes a keen personal interest in the development of the country and in the community life. Among other things he is busy serving

as superintendent of the Belle Glade Church Sunday School.

Mr. Friedman has a large listing of farm properties, large and small tracts, developed and undeveloped. Write him for particulars, addressing him at Chosen, Fla.

### WALTER GREER OPENS REALTY OFFICE AT BELLE GLADE

Among the best authorities on Everglades lands, and particularly well informed relating to Belle Glade and South Bay properties, is Walter Greer of Belle Glade, who has opened a real estate office at Belle Glade and is making preparations to help in settling the country with more practical farmers.

Mr. Greer has been a resident and farmer here for the past eight years and the others has had set back, but while all has come out on top and has never lost his faith in the country. He is now farming one hundred and sixty acres near Belle Glade. Associated with him are two sons, A. L. and W. C. Greer. Mr. Greer is a good authority to consult regarding Everglades matters, as he has spent these years in improvement work, farming, dredging, canal building and bridge work of the district. Write to him for further information relating to farm properties.

### TYPE OF DWELLING

The above is the new home of Hans Stein, a Chosen farmer, just completed. Here is another case of success achieved on Everglades land. Mr. Stein settled here eleven years ago. At that



A Residence At Chosen, Fla.

time his sole earthly possessions were a family, a dollar and a lot of determination. He cleared a small tract of land and commenced farming. Today he owns and farms fifty-nine acres, which are planted to beans, peas, potatoes, peppers, eggplant and kindred crops.

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### BEAUTIFUL LAWNS OF MUCK SOILS

Cocoanut trees can be grown in the Everglades. Nobody is proposing that they be grown as a commercial proposition, but it should interest prospective home-builders in this section that they can have on their farm tracts the same tree that adds so much to the charm of the east coast. All varieties of palms grow in the muck soil. Some of the finest royal palms in the world grow on the southeast side of the lake—or did grow there; it is understood that many of them have been dug up and transported to Miami. As high as one thousand dollars has been paid for good royal palms. There are several groups of cocoanut palms north of Canal Point.

Of the flowering trees none command greater admiration than the royal poinciana. There are several of these on the ridge north of Canal Point. The largest showing of poincianas is made at Moore Haven, where they line the sidewalk around the chief hotel of the town.

The bougainvillea vine is sometimes difficult to establish in growth but it is no more difficult in muck than in any other type of soil. Its flower is of various colors.

The hibiscus and oleander are commonplace in the Everglades but the flower most often seen is the ca'ia liv.

Bermuda is the lawn grass most often used but St. Augustine is superior.

Splendid roses are grown in muck soils. Mrs. W. F. Buchanan at Canal Point has grown roses that attracted wide attention. Miss Alice E. Reed of Belle Glade specializes in bulbs and flowers that grow from bulb plants. H. H. Hart, who has a farm at the south end of the lake and whose address is Chosen, has grown a great variety of flowers and in large quantity.

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### When The Harvest Of Beans Is On

Harvest is the reward of plan and toil, and in the Everglades the fruits of the harvest come to the market place at the loading station—on the canal bank or at the depot platform. There the life of the community centers at the most active hour of the day.

Pickers go into the bean fields later in the day than do reapers of grain, for they must wait until the sun has driven the dew or other moisture from the vines. Checkers in the field award pasteboard slips to the pickers as the filled hampers are brought to the end of the rows, this being a convenient method of keeping count of the work for which cash payment is to be made in the evening. The hampers accumulate and are passed to other workmen who examine the contents and do such sorting as is called for, this process being the grading by which the inferior stock is separated from the good.

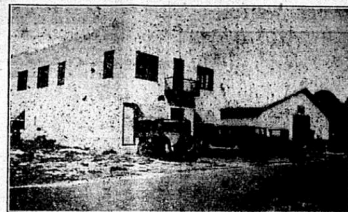
During the day trucks have brought the pickers to the field, for the patch of beans may be miles distant from the "quarters." Hampers that are to be filled are trucked in from the dealers' warehouse. Then, as the day advances and evening approaches, the trucks get into real action, for the hampers of graded beans must be gotten to the loading station and placed on boats or in the ice cars by a fixed hour. Finished the picking for that day, the stooped pickers straighten themselves and seek out "the boss," who redeems the pasteboard slips that serve as credits for the work done.

Buyers and solicitors for commission houses in the north have come into the field and surveyed the vines and fruit and noted the manner of grading.

It is the hour of weariness and exaltation, of rest and reward, for a part of the crew but the hour of greatest activity is to follow. Along the canal bank are the boats and barges; during the day they brought in hampers and other supplies, now they await the cargo for the outward trip. Boats shift position at the dock; there are cries of "Grab that line!" Lights flare and gleam. Tired men stumble and grumble in the dark. There is the voice of a man singing, in one direction a man is murmuring curses in another. Trucks start with chattering noises, cut-outs are open, impatient drivers call for passengers with strident notes.

The street along the canal bank is crowded. The row of bean

### OKECHOBEE HEADQUARTERS—BASS LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.



This firm also has a branch yard and office at Canal Point.

Henry T. Bass, the head of the Bass Lumber & Supply Company, is one of those who has made good in capital letters in the esteem of people in the Lake Okechobee country. The above is a picture of the retail store and office of the Bass Lumber & Supply Co. at Okechobee. The firm also conducts a branch yard and store at Canal Point. The Bass Lumber & Supply Company carries in stock lumber and other build-

ers' supplies, garden tools, roofing, paints, etc., and during the vegetable season handles crate materials. Mr. Bass has been operating the business about two years but he has been a business man and resident in this region about twelve years. He was engaged in different mercantile lines at Okechobee and his entry into business in Canal Point is a matter of genuine satisfaction to the whole community.

ed carefully and the "manifests" made out. Until late at night the trucks come and go, to the very hour when the seal is attached to the closed door and the switch engine moves to add the car to the train. Six days later the car will be opened in New York and its contents sold.

Everglades lands are well suited to a great variety of agricultural pursuits. A personal investigation will convince the most skeptical. Investigate for yourself. Pay our country a visit and you will become a permanent settler.

We believe in the future of the Everglades Country and take pleasure at this time in reaffirming our opinion that this country will eventually rival all other farming sections.

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## CLEWISTON

A point on Lake Okeechobee that was known as Sand Point was long ago seen as a fine location for a good town but it was not until recently that the town of Clewiston was established on that site. Its present stage is one of development—not a complete town, but the property is in strong hands and is certain to be a real city in the future. There is no point on the lake where fundamental development work is so well advanced.

Among the businesses now established in the town are these to which reference is made below.

### Clewiston Supply Company

The Clewiston Supply Company, Clewiston's big general merchandise store, would do credit to towns of much larger population. It is unusually well stocked with all that is usually found in any good country general merchandise store. The business has been operating successfully several years. It is the pioneer mercantile establishment and is well founded.

### Alston's Meat Market

A business that is an asset to the community is Alston's Meat Market and Grocery, owned and operated by J. R. Alston, a firm Florida housewife who is just now staging a comeback and showing his continued faith in the country after having suffered loss during the September storm at Hollywood. Seeing in prospect the future awaiting the Clewiston country, he was not slow to invest, with the result that now after only four months of operation he has a thriving business.

### The Clewiston Furniture Company

Clewiston is steadily gaining new residents, so it follows that its business life must prosper. Another big store and one that supplies not only Clewiston but also adjacent cities along the lake, is the Clewiston Furniture Company, a branch of an old established house. The H. O. Thomas Company of Cleveland, Ohio. The business is in charge of Frank Richman, an enterprising business man of the younger generation who is fast making a success of it. This business has been in operation for the past year and Mr. Richman reports steady growth and progress.

### The Darcy Laundry

Another one who shows his faith in the country in spite of set backs is Chas. Darcy, who operates the laundry and tailor shop at Clewiston. He suffered also a considerable loss during the storm but promptly rebuilt and is now doing a flourishing business as usual. Darcy is one of those who mean to stick and one of those who will come out ahead.

## FISHING IS GOOD AT CLEWISTON



### Clewiston Packing Company

There is much acreage devoted to truck crops in and around Clewiston, so it follows that the shipping and marketing of the produce is a big item. An industry that serves the district well is the Clewiston Packing Company, which will be ready to handle this year's crop. The business is owned and operated by W. C. and S. P. Hodler, practical farmers who have platted in the townsite 150 acres to beans, peas, potatoes, cabbage and other truck crops. Fifty acres of additional land is the work of Clewiston is now being prepared and will be ready for planting by January first.

The firm represents Cochran & Company, which has had representation in this field for several years and handles about 70 per cent of the crops from this district.

### Clewiston Building Material Co.

The Clewiston Building Material Company, entirely separate from the Clewiston firm, is another busy Clewiston firm. It keeps step with the growth and building progress of Clewiston, handling building materials and building supplies, retail and wholesale, and shipping in car load lots to other points.

F. L. Williamson, formerly of Kansas and Oklahoma, where he was in oil milling and cement business, heads the firm, with W. H. Alexander, formerly in the building game in Texas, as the manager. The business is a boon to the section, as a ready supply for the townspeople and the neighboring farmers.

### Alston Drug Store

The latest business addition to Clewiston and one that fills a long felt want is the Alston Drug Store, which opened its doors to the public with a complete stock of drugs and sundries shown in a modern store. It is conducted by D. G. Alston, son of J. R. Alston, one of the pioneer Clewiston settlers. The store is a credit to the new town and it is the people will find a ready source of supply. Clewiston is growing and it is safe to say that one will find

the Alston boys and the Alston drug store growing with it always.

### Smith Grocery and Restaurant

We must not overlook Mrs. J. M. Smith, a lady who has made a success of Clewiston. Long before the present development she decided on this as a location, starting here in 1924 with a small room on a small scale. Today she has a big busy grocery business and a restaurant that is doing a fine business. A meat market is also maintained in connection. Mrs. Smith was formerly located at Sarasota.

### DEALERS SUPPLY COMPANY

#### SERVES EVERGLADES

The Dealers Supply Company is one of the largest of the several wholesale concerns of West Palm Beach serving the Everglades country. Although this company discontinued truck delivery service to points along Comets Highway after the storm it is now planning to resume the service, as business has shown a decided increase and things are beginning to lull on the other farms. The firm handles candies, tobacco and fountain supplies, and numbers among its patrons almost every merchant at Canal Point and Pahokee. The firm has operated in this district for seven years.

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### WAGG ORGANIZATION

#### GOES INTO INSURANCE

Alfred H. Wagg announces the incorporation of the Alfred H. Wagg Insurance Agency, a new unit in the Alfred H. Wagg Organization, which will be directed by Mr. Clarence Durant, as vice president and general manager.

Mr. Durant comes to the Wagg Organization with a background of seventeen years experience in the general insurance world as a company official, general insurance adjuster and local agent.

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## Progress On the Shores Of Florida's Inland Sea

### GOOD REASONS FOR THE NEW TOWNS ON LAKE OKEECHOBEE

And For Large Growth Of All Existing Communities

WORTH IN SOIL AND BEAUTY IN SCENERY

Tendencies of the Times Support Plans of Developers

By Howard Sharp

The major portion of the following article was printed in the issue of the Everglades News of March 26, 1926. It is reprinted here because it touches on a question that is still asked from time to time in one form or another.

What "excuse" is there for fragrant, sunny days in winter, mellow moonlight nights, clear blue skies, a golden sun coloring banks of diaphanous clouds across gently swelling waters?

What "excuse" is there for health and comfort, beauty and peace, sport and profit?

What excuse for the exercise of the creative instinct, the desire to achieve and excel, for new visions and a wider horizon, for relief from monotony, for change of scene, for new contacts in business, for contact with new people?

These are the questions a correspondent asks us. He does not put the questions in that form, but that is what they amount to, for in the course of a letter of inquiry to the editor of The Everglades News he says, "What excuse is there for the promotion of all these new towns on Lake Okeechobee?"

There is no caste system in

the United States—people are free to change their occupations and business. We are passed the feudal time when men were bound to the baron's estate—now they are free to move about. But some of the old inhibitions persist in mental attitudes; that may account for some of the reluctance to comprehend the "excuse" for the new towns on Lake Okeechobee or elsewhere.

The new towns on Lake Okeechobee are "promotions," but they are superior promotions. I haven't time to look it up in encyclopedias, but I suspect most of the great cities of the world were "promotions"—promoted by kings probably, but there are empire-builders and kings of finance and captains of industry today with the prerogative of enterprise. Which is better—strategic towns that like Troy "just grew," or well-planned cities directed by the best minds? W. J. Conners, John S. Phillips, Isaac T. Cook, B. G. Dahlberg and Richard Delafield and Dillon-Read and the other "promoters" who are building cities on Lake Okeechobee are not fools hazarding millions of dollars and more precious reputations on fool projects.

The "excuse" for new cities on Lake Okeechobee is the constitution of human nature, the state of society and the progress of civilization. These are not empty phrases—they are a precise answer to the inquiry of a man who wants to know "how to handle his business"—whether to buy or sell. The restlessness of human beings is a reason for new towns, the social practice of having winter homes is a reason, and the wealth that enables hundreds of thousands of persons to quiet their restlessness in winter homes is a reason. Twelve years ago the United States was second on a list of nations' national wealth; now by a compilation of the Treasury Department, the national wealth of the



Clewiston Scenes—No. 1—Administration Building, No. 2—Pumping Plant, No. 3—On board "The Queen of the Lake" pleasure boat of Clewiston Co. No. 4—A Water Filtration Plant, No. 5—Typical Clewiston Residence.

United States is greater than the combined national wealth of the four other leading countries. Regions developed and cities grown in the United States twelve years ago and more, there is still reason for the "promotion" of higher class because they are cities in newly developing regions—infinite more. Transportation improvement has been a factor in making reason for well located, planned cities in Florida. A town on Lake Okeechobee can now be reached from New York city in about the same time it used to take a farmer to go to the county seat to see a circus or pay his taxes.

Delafield and Dillon-Read and York, Louisiana and Michigan, but what's that got to do with it? Thousands of those other lots have already reverted to acreage. The Lake Okeechobee cities are in a different and far higher class because they are in the hands of a different and superior class of developers and are in a different and superior location. Speculation in "cheap acreage" and "cheap lots" has been winnowed from the grain. People have learned that one lot in Florida isn't just as good as another—that is another "excuse" for the Lake Okeechobee "promotions."

Every man who longs to tend roses than shovel snow, get away from the old home or tend a furnace. With millions of people in the United States possessing automobiles buyers among the people who there is no limit to the number would rather play golf or of prospective buyers of lots in

the new Okeechobee cities.

You are paying me, Mr. for my opinion—for thinking for you. Let me pass on a thought to you to mull over. Things move faster than they used to; there isn't the sentimental attachment for the old things there used to be: business men junk old machines or organizations for better ones. This applies to changes of occupation and locations—it fits in with the greater wealth of the population and the quick and cheap transportation and the Florida migration. Production isn't the big thing in life any more—machinery has made production easy; financing and distribution are what count now days, and thanks to the telephone and the telegraph, financing and distributing can be directed from any accessible point. The factory or the mine has to stay in place, but the owner and financier and the distributor can move around, they

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### FIRM FAITH IN COUNTRY HELD BY ALL WHO KNOW THE GLADES

What is the state of affairs in the Everglades, what the morale of the people and what the outlook for the country?

A summary review is the best answer. B. G. Dahlberg of Chicago, president of the Southern Sugar Company, projecting a large enterprise at Clewiston, says, "This is no time to turn back. The rich muck soil is a great asset and the drainage is feasible." Mr. Dahlberg is president of The Celotex Company. His sugar company is increasing its acreage of sugar cane at Clewiston and Canal Point.

The Brown Company of Portland, Maine, owning 70,000 acres of land on Hillsboro canal in the middle Glades, is planting 400 acres of potatoes to make use of that much of its land while a larger tract is prepared for planting to peanuts in the summer.

At the drainage conference in West Palm Beach in October one of the most optimistic addresses made was by an officer of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company which has invested five million dollars in land and sugar mill in Dade county on Miami canal.

When farmers and business men of the upper Glades met Tuesday, October 16 at Clewiston, in the largest and most representative meeting ever held in the Everglades the first paragraph in a series of resolutions was a declaration of faith in the physical and economic reclamation of the Everglades.

The Florida East Coast railroad is extending the New Smyrna-Okeechobee branch through the Everglades with Miami as the objective. The road runs on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee. Storms increased the costs of construction but the undertaking has not been abandoned; work is progressing as rapidly as physical conditions permit.

The acreage of spring crops in every district of the Everglades will be larger than any previous year; it probably will be larger than ever before.

The six paragraphs of this review make a very incomplete summary of the operations but they conclusively establish the point that the state of the country is good, that the resident people and the non-resident directors of big operations have not faltered and that the outlook is for great progress in the future.

Conners and Phillips and Cook and Dahlberg and their associates are not building cities on Lake Okeechobee to serve a few catfish fishermen and growers of beans and tomatoes. These men who control great banking and investment institutions and direct transportation systems and manage great industries are not disturbed or influenced by the fact that "hinder boys" hid out miles of blue-print townships somewhere else and why my dear sir, should you? It is true that more lots are laid out in Florida than people will build on in a hundred years, and the same may be true of Nevada and New

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## BIG MARKET FOR MORE VEGETABLES

Shown By Government  
Reports That Demand  
Exceeds Supplies

The United States Department of Agriculture testifies to the number and character of the opportunities there are in the Florida Everglades. The clipping printed in smaller type which follows is from page 310 of the November 12 issue of "Crops and Markets," a weekly publication issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. Read it:

Tomatoes.—California tomatoes, in big boxes, were selling to Chicago and Kansas City jobbers at \$2-\$2.25, while cities further east reported a range of \$3-\$3.50. A few markets quoted higher prices because of the limited receipts. California was practically alone as the source of supply, and shipments there decreased to 300 cars, compared with 425 the week before.

This article is evidence, too, of the need for the reclamation of the Everglades being continued and completed quickly.

The reason "California was practically alone as the source of supply" is that in September, 1925, the administrators of Everglades drainage district permitted the fields of the Everglades to be flooded. September is the month when the Glades farmers start putting their ground in shape for the fall crop, the first of the type crops that are grown each winter when operation of the drainage system permits.

The testimony of the United States Department of Agriculture is that the markets would absorb more tomatoes than California produced.

California is more distant from the best markets than is the Everglades. The markets had been taking 425 cars; with California as the only shipper, the forwardings dropped to 200 cars in the week.

The facts support the information of Florida growers that there is no danger of the markets being glutted so far as the Everglades is concerned, because tomatoes can be produced at lower cost here than elsewhere and the shorter distance to the best markets gives this region an additional advantage.

## MUCK SOIL BEST BY LOCAL TESTS

Comparisons of Tracts  
Close At Hand Show  
Its Superiority

The muck soil of the upper Everglades is the most fertile soil in Florida. This fact is susceptible of proof in many ways.

This is one form of the evidence of the superior fertility of the muck soil: Sand was hauled and dumped on land at Canal Point where a base ball diamond was made; when the base ball diamond was abandoned and the tract was plowed and planted, beans and peas and other vegetables did not grow as well in the sand as in the muck.

Another form of evidence that muck is the richest soil is seen where beans and other vegetables are grown on the canal banks. The vines are thinnest in the spots where the soil is the marl that was dug from the canal.

Truckers who have lived along the lake for many years, have tested the sand on the beach. They find that it is not as good soil as the muck, nor is the sand of the "ridge" as fertile as the muck soil back of the ridge. It is only when fertilizers are applied that the sand and marl soils are as productive as the muck. The quality of the muck-soil vegetables is better than that of the vegetables grown in sand or marl.

The Florida Everglades bid you and other parts welcome to the land where the forces of nature have combined with man's ingenuity, thrift and industry to build an earthly paradise.

The Everglades may not have had its last flood; it is certain, though, that it will never again have floods such as those in the past. Despite the floods the faith of the residents in the quality of the soil and the future of the country never wavered.

## REASONS FOR TOWNS

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can come to Florida and stay for months and they do come and stay and that's the reason there is so much capital in Florida, so much initiative and so much enterprise. Real estate in Wall street has a certain value because the offices of men of brains are there: when these men move to Florida, as they have, the real estate in their new location takes on new value for the same reason real estate in Wall street has value. The real estate on Lake Okeechobee that is being developed in the new towns has more value than the real estate blue-printed by Ponzi and his ilk.

Is there any "excuse," Mr. — for Jacksonville and Tampa and Miami and West Palm Beach? You think they are justified by the back country adjacent that is to be developed? Has it occurred to you that Lake Harbor and Clewiston and Port Mayaca are actually in and of this back country and that they will serve the needs of the region better than the coast cities can serve them? No, there are not too many cities on Lake Okeechobee, but I will not say there are not too many cities on the

coast. The fittest will survive and excel.

This reply to your inquiry has not stressed some of the attributes of the upper Everglades and the Lake Okeechobee region nor reviewed the development under way because those phases are best treated from week to week in the news columns. Remember, however, that drainage is incomplete and the full promise of the region cannot be revealed until the drainage construction work is further advanced. It is significant that although drainage is incomplete three new cities are being established. It is evident that the region and the cities will grow as the drainage works advance in construction, as the projected railroads are completed. Grant that the cities are in advance of the agricultural development—though the agricultural is only a part of the whole—farmers will have more reason to come because social and educational centers already exist and do not have to be waited for, with supply houses and professional services immediately available, transportation services ready, and a considerable local market. The upper Everglades, Mr. — is a region of millions of acres of soil of surpassing fertility under a benign climate in the most prosperous and enterprising area of the greatest nation in history. Men of understanding and vision see it as it is and as it is to be—that is the "excuse" for the new cities on Lake Okeechobee.

I advise you to read The Everglades News carefully each week and keep posted on the big things that are doing.

## THREE RAIL LINES IN EVERGLADES

F. E. C. Company Has Im-  
mense Program For  
Year of 1927

Three railroads have lines in Everglades drainage district. They are the Florida East Coast, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line.

The mileage of the Florida East Coast railroad in the Everglades is greater than that of either of the other companies. The F. E. C., extending from Jacksonville to Key West, touches on the east those parts of the drainage district which are carried eastward by the outlets of the canal and it has about 45 miles of line in the interior of the district, and is engaged in a mammoth project to extend a line from the north boundary of the district to the southern limit.

The Atlantic Coast Line enters the Everglades on the west side of the drainage district and has its present terminus at Clewiston.

The Seaboard Air Line's track from Okeechobee to West Palm Beach cuts across the northeast corner of Everglades drainage district.

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Nothing Knocks But  
Opportunity

## Best Country For Dairying

Interviewing A. Hansen, the dairyman who supplies Canal Point and Pahokee, was quite a job, but it was worth while because he is the chief dairyman in the upper Everglades. In the southern Glades there are dairies larger than his but those dairies are in the sand prairie and marl land sections; Mr. Hansen is in the muck section, the region with which The Everglades News is concerned.

You want to know why interviewing Mr. Hansen was quite a job? Well, reason it out yourself: If he makes out that dairying in the upper Glades is a snap, another dairyman or several other dairymen may come in and become competitors, and as it is already there is no more market for milk than he is prepared to supply. He will split up the market and start losing money if he encourages competition, and the new-comer will not make any money, either.

And yet Mr. Hansen is an honest man and will not try to make out that this is not a good dairy country; he has done well here and is free to say so.

The chief thing in dairying is land and markets—you can buy cows and ship them in, but that is not worth while unless there is land for pastures and market for the milk produced by the cows on the pasture land. Mr. Hansen owns two tracts of land, one on the "ridge" and the other "back in the muck"; he bought the tracts at prices, he thought were fair, and he is in the natural position of being willing to sell his dairy land or to buy more land, depending on the price he is offered or the price at which he can get other land. If he says land in his locality is only worth so much, that fixes a price at which he could be asked to sell, or if he says the value is more, that could make it harder for him to buy. So he is betwixt and between.

If Mr. Hansen was trying to sell his land and his business he would make out that he was offering a great bargain, but he is not trying to sell either. And if The Everglades News was set on painting pretty pictures it could take Mr. Hansen's statements and make out that running a dairy in the upper Glades is a snap and that the whole world ought to be trying to get into the dairy business around Canal Point and Pahokee.

But Mr. Hansen has just an ordinary average man's point of view, and all The Everglades News will try to do is to give a correct picture of conditions. Being accurate is harder than most anything else. So there you are.

How a man happened to get located in the Everglades is always a good starting place for an article about this country, so we will start with that. A. Hansen, the Pahokee dairyman, was living in Texas a little more than four years ago when he got a letter from his old friend R. Roe, who told him the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee was the greatest country he had ever seen or heard of and advised him to come here, which advice he took and came. Four and a half years ago was the spring of 1922, and the country was good then; it was the time of the greatest growth the upper Glades has had. Drainage facilities were incomplete but Lake Okeechobee was low and the land was dry. Mr. Hansen came and bought 35 acres in section 29, township 42, range 37, south of Pelican Lake and southeast of Pahokee. He also bought a claim for a tract on the share of Lake Okeechobee south of Pahokee. Then the flood came.

That is the high point in every story of every man's experiences on Lake Okeechobee in the past four years—the "flood came." You can't talk or write honestly about the country without taking into account

the floods. Everything turns on that. The recollection of "the floods" confuses or paralyzes in every interview with people who have been here long enough to have gotten any worth-while information that phrase crops up—"and then the flood came."

It is what can be done over a period of years that is the test of a country; the "lucky shot" of a man who "happened to hit" with a bean crop made in 76 days doesn't mean anything at all except to the writer of advertisements for a land com-

pany that is more interested in selling land than in the permanent development of the country.

Mr. Hansen brought five registered Jersey cows with him from Texas to Pahokee. He started with six but one died en route. That was three years ago come next December. Now, with what he has raised and bought he has a total of 34 animals in his herd. "There was no real dairy on 'East Beach' (the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee); two or three settlers had cows and sold their small sur-

pluses. At the start he sold only 10 quarts of milk a day. Now, in November, he is selling 80 quarts a day; in the spring, when population is at the peak point and people have more money than at any other season, he sells 90 to 100 quarts a day. All the rest of the milk sold in this locality by all other owners of cows will not exceed 20 quarts a day. This paragraph summarizes completely one aspect of the dairy business on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee. It needs only to

be added that Mr. Hansen sells most of his milk at 22 1-2 cents a quart.

In the middle of November, when this interview was had, Mr. Hansen was selling between \$550 and \$600 worth of milk a month from 12 cows. People who know about such things can draw their own conclusions—the writer is not a dairyman and isn't arguing for or against anything.

"What are the best pasture

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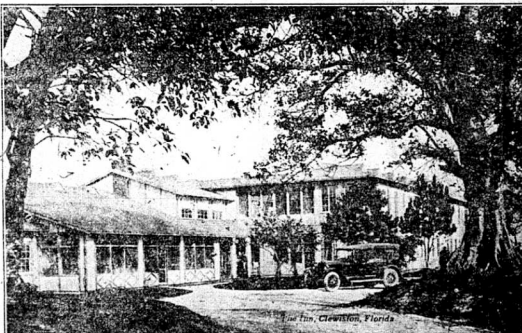
Construction Is Under Way of Line To East Side of Lake

Two companies render telephone service in the Everglades. One is the Southern Bell Telephone Company and the other is the Inter-County Telephone Company.

The Southern Bell Company owns the exchanges in Miami and West Palm Beach and elsewhere on the east coast and is constructing a line westward from West Palm Beach to Clewiston, where connection is made with the Inter-County's lines and by which communication is to be had with Fort Myers and other west coast points.

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branches at Belle Glade and while the main line extends to Clewiston via South Bay, the other line extends to Pahokee and Canal Point sugar mill. There are no local exchanges on the eastern and southern shores of Lake Okeechobee.

The Inter-County Telephone Company is commonly understood to be owned by Barron G. Collier and associates. Mr. Collier owns practically all of the land in Collier county and his companies have holdings at Fort Myers and Punta Gorda. The Collier interests own the local exchanges at Moore Haven and Okeechobee.

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### Drained Glades Is Free of Ticks

Cattle men are warranted in giving consideration to the Everglades as a field of operation. This can fairly be said now, although until now there were obstacles to success; these obstacles have been removed to a large degree. The cattle man who makes inquiry about the Everglades should not be frightened off by statements about conditions that have been changed.

The surface of the ground in a large area of the Everglades has settled since drainage work got under way. This fact has a good deal to do with the outlook for the cattle business in the region; it states one of the changed conditions. The fact that the soil has settled proves that it is more solid.

In the early stage of Everglades reclamation the running

of cattle would not have been a practicable undertaking because the ground was too soft to bear weight of the animals.

It is true that disaster overtook an early and ill considered attempt to establish a large dairy in the muck section of the Everglades. Cows were shipped in before barns or even sheds had been provided and before there were pastures or storage for milk feed. No experienced cattle man would do that. That it was done about ten years ago by a man who did not know the cattle business hasn't anything to do with what can be done now and hereafter in properly selected areas.

Practically all of the muck section of the Everglades is in tick free territory. The counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade were released from quarantine several years ago but patrolling is still done to maintain the tick-free condition.

Much data has been accumulated in recent years about

grasses, native and cultivated, that are adapted to the muck lands. This is another fact that makes it improper to judge the Everglades of today on the basis of experience ten years ago. It is now known, for instance, that under some conditions Bermuda is not fit for cows but under

other conditions it is admirable. Para, St. Lucie and other grasses have been tested and the best methods of cultivating and feeding have been ascertained.

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## Best Country For Dairying

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grasses here?" Mr. Hansen was asked.

He replied: "I don't know much about that because I haven't had much chance to observe, water having been over so much of the land so long. But on the basis of what I have heard as much as on the basis of what I've seen I'd say that a mixed pasture is better than a field of any one single grass. A mixture of Bermuda, St. Augustine and Para seems to be good. Carpet grass and St. Lucie are good grasses, too. Bermuda and St. Lucie and Para will scour cattle, but St. Augustine checks it. A good thing about Para is that if it hasn't been pastured too low it will keep growing no matter how much water—cows can stand almost knee-deep in water and graze on Para.

"Remember, now, I've had to buy so much feed because the pasture land was under water that I am no authority on pastures in the Everglades. I believe, though, that clover may do well here in winter. Alfalfa is all right in winter if the water table is low enough and it may live through the summer if the water table is kept low."

Inquiry was made about land values here and elsewhere. In the course of the interview Mr. Hansen said:

"There are places throughout the United States where \$150 an acre is the established price of land on which there are dairies, this including all improvements. But a dairyman can better afford to pay \$350 an acre here. Because a hard-surfaced road (the Belle Glade-Pahokee road) runs alongside my 35 acres in section 20 I think it is worth \$500 an acre."

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"At best there is not more than eight months of growing season for pastures anywhere else in the United States; here it is twelve months. I can get more roughage off of 40 acres of my section 20 land, in the course of a year, than can be grown on 150 acres of the average pasture land in dairy sections."

The newspaper man noted that if average pasture land was worth \$150 an acre, Everglades land that produced four times the quantity of feed ought to be worth four times \$150, which is \$600 an acre and agrees with Mr. Hansen's estimate of \$500 an acre as the value of his land—"when the water is off."

Is it practical to run a dairy and do trucking also? This question was put to Mr. Hansen, a dairyman in a country where all of his neighbors are truckers. It is a very practical question, a broad question, for it brings up the question of which is best—specialized farming or general farming. Poultrymen have said that chicken raising and trucking do not go together; the run of truckers in the Everglades won't do anything except truck. And so the question was put to a dairyman, is it practical to run a dairy and do trucking also?

Mr. Hansen's answer was "No." "General farming is practical, that is, a farmer can very well have a cow or a few cows and produce milk for his family's use and for a few neighbors, and a small patch of vegetables and some corn and hogs and fruit trees and all that—he can do it if he wants to but he won't make as much money or have as good a time as the man who limits himself to one business.

"Dairying is a seven-day job, and seven long days at that. If a dairyman has a patch of beans he won't have time to pick them without neglecting the dairy; if he neglects the beans, the beans will get 'hard.' If the price of beans is high he may be tempted to neglect the milking and lose more money in the long run in consequence than if he'd let the beans go."

Mr. Hansen had told us that

he is buying most of his feed just now because the pasture was flooded. So we got the conversation back to another phase: "Can you grow all the feed you need?"

"No dairyman anywhere buys all of his feed, but a dairyman can raise a larger proportion of the feed for his cows here than anywhere I know of," was Mr. Hansen's reply. "This is a particularly good grass country and the grass grows the year round that must be supplemented by other feed, and corn does well here and it is cheaper to grow it than to buy it—if the water is low enough. Corn should be planted in February so it will mature before the heavy rains come in mid-summer. All of the African grains are good cow feed and they grow well here."

This matter of drainage—"If the water is kept low"—came up in every phase of the interview. So this question was put to Mr. Hansen: "Do you think we will ever get good drainage?"

He is an unemotional man, Mr. Hansen is "Why not?" he asked. "It ought to be easy. We are above sea level and all there is to it is to let the water run out to the ocean. We have canals; all that has to be done is to use the canals—let the water out instead of holding it up with dams, and if the canals are not big enough, dig them wider and deeper."

We waited. There was something else that might be said and we waited to see if Mr. Hansen would say it. He didn't. What he might say was that taxes are high and we couldn't get better drainage because the

drainage district was "broke" and the land owners would not pay any more taxes. Governor Martin and the other members of the "date drainage board" say that, so a dairyman might say it. But he didn't.

He's getting along all right even if the country was flooded—making money, paying out on his land and improving it even if his pasture is under water, thinks the Everglades is the best country in the world, intends to stay here all his life, likes the people and isn't kicking about the taxes. That tells the story.

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It is true that the muck soils of the Everglades are of inorganic origin—that they are in the main the product of the decomposition of vegetation. Oil can be extracted from the muck soils by compression, a vegetable oil. That may explain why the Everglades peanuts contain more oil than do peanuts grown in any other type of soil. There is a constantly increasing market for vegetable oils, and the production of peanuts promises to be a gigantic industry in the Everglades. After sixteen years of test and experiment, the conclusions respecting the drainage land products of the Everglades are still valid. Reclamation is a practical undertaking and the soil when drained will produce a variety of profitable crops.

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## Geo. E. Warren Found Early Proof of Ability of Muck Soils To Produce Good Citrus Fruits

Geo. E. Warren, Pioneer Everglades Citrus Grower, Tells Experiences

Geo. E. Warren of Miami is today one of the most widely known and most enthusiastic boosters of Everglades lands. He has devoted twenty-four of the best years of his life in first demonstrating conclusively the wonderful fertility of muck soils and their almost unbelievable productivity, and now heads one of the oldest and largest firms dealing in Everglades lands—namely, the Everglades Land & Development Co., of Miami. His keen foresight and his indomitable courage and confidence, even twenty-four years ago, are now being borne out and justified by the results which are being obtained. It is to him like George Warren that we owe the developments that have already been obtained, and the further realization which now seems near at hand.

When asked to give an account of his experiences, he spoke as follows:

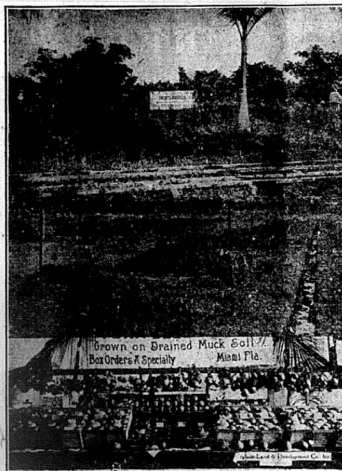
"Before coming to Miami I was superintendent of construction for the building of the smelting and sulphuric acid plants, together with some 480 houses, for the Tennessee Copper Company. During my six years in this capacity I developed a strong desire to own an orange grove in Florida. This desire increased until it became my main ambition. I corresponded with various sections of the state, and after making a thorough study of it, I decided that, on account of climatic conditions and wishing to be as nearly free from frost as possible, the southern portion of the state was the best place to locate. I secured a two weeks va-

cation and came to Miami, then a city of about three thousand people. Upon my arrival there I inadvertently confided my ambition and was immediately beset by a number of real estate men who endeavored to interest me in various groves that had been established on high pine land. The soil in these groves did not measure up to the standards that I had visualized in my ambition. I concluded that the necessity for expensive fertilization and high cost of setting trees would raise the cost of production to a point where it would be difficult to compete with groves in other portions of the state.

"After a week of fruitless search, my attention was directed, by chance, to a tract of land lying on the south fork of the Miami river. The major portion of this tract was typical Everglade muck soil. There, for the first time, I saw the soil that I had been looking for. I closed a deal at once, paying a little over \$100 per acre. At that time I could have purchased high pine land just across the road from my place at only \$30 per acre. But it was the muck land I wanted. I was aware that the muck was subject to overflow each season, but I believed that by proper drainage I could make a grove thereon. When I announced my intention I was informed that it would be folly for me to attempt to put a citrus grove on muck soil. However, undaunted by these reports, I constructed drainage ditches every 40 feet and built mounds three feet high by ten feet in diameter on which to set my trees, as shown in the accompanying photograph.

"I purchased two year buds on sour orange stock, and planted the trees the following fall, and transported it by barge down the river to the packing house. The fruit on this grove was always of very fine quality, thin skinned and of very fine flavor, hence it commanded the very highest prices on the market.

### WARREN'S GROVE AND PRIZE-WINNING EXHIBIT



In only one year from the time of planting the grove had shown phenomenal progress. The second photograph shows the condition of the grove at this time. In the incredibly short time of two years from the time of planting I had many trees bearing as much as one box of fruit per tree. Eight years after planting, one of my trees bore 32 full boxes of grapefruit, and my entire grove averaged somewhat better than nine boxes of fruit per tree. These figures are taken from the records of the amounts paid me for the crop by Jaudon Bros., who purchased the fruit on the tree at \$2.25 per box. They picked it

invariably show my grove as a demonstration of what muck soil would produce. Mr. Helm and his salesmen have often stated that whenever a prospect was doubtful about purchasing, an inspection of the Warren grove clinched the bargain. It was after viewing my grove that Messrs. Walsh, Velie, Langley and Chendle set out their groves—the first ones to be planted at Davie, all of which did remarkably well.

"I exhibited my fruit regularly at the annual Dade County Fair. Almost every box secured the blue ribbon. Through the attractive appearance of the fruit at these exhibits a considerable box order trade was built up under the name of 'Fernell Groves.' My fruit was shipped to all sections of the United States and secured for me a large re-order business from the recipients of the boxes.

"Year after year this grove was flooded—sometimes covered by a few inches of water, at other times covered to a depth of two feet. The fact that it was running water and would drain off as soon as the overflow subsided saved my trees from destruction, for my drainage ditches would speedily remove the water and allow the soil to aerate. While the grove continued to produce excellent fruit, I am convinced that with adequate drainage and water control the results would have been even more gratifying.

"My early experiences on this grove demonstrated to me conclusively the value of muck soil. This conviction was strengthened by my experiences as agent for the Buckeye Nurseries, the largest citrus nurseries in the world. In this connection I sold and planted many thousands of citrus trees in both muck land and pine land—many of these were planted throughout the Glades from the coast to Lake Okechobee. Invariably, the trees planted on muck soil, where they were even reason-

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### Warren's Grove

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ably protected from the ravages of continued overflow, showed very gratifying results.

"Realizing, therefore, the possibilities of the muck soils, I opened a real estate business under the name of Everglade Land & Development Co., which was then located at what is now known as 144 E. Flagler street, and has now moved to the New Tatum Building, at 210 E. Flagler street. At that time we conducted boat excursions, which practice we continued for five years. Excursions started at Miami, proceeded through the East Coast canal to Fort Lauderdale and up the North New River canal to Lake Okechobee. It was through these excursions that many tracts of muck land were sold ranging in size from 10 acres up to sections of 640 acres, and many settlers were located on their present farms thereby.

"These settlers, everyone of whom I count my staunch friend, have undergone hardships incidental and necessary to the colonization of a new country. They have persevered, however, and through their staunch convictions and the knowledge of the inherent value of their possessions have formed the mainstay and backbone of what promises to be the country's most flourishing agricultural community. I feel proud of the part my company played in inducing these good people to settle for I feel that we have arrived at the dawn of a new area of prosperity which will reward them bountifully for their labors. The great danger in selling Everglades muck land is overzealous enthusiasm. We have refrained from stating what we knew to be facts unless we could substantiate our statements by taking our prospective purchasers to the places where the crops are growing, so that they can see for themselves. For the results that are being ob-

tained through the great fertility of the land, coupled with the required moisture and the practically year around growing season, are so phenomenal that the truth would be incredible unless substantiated.

"My own personal experience on Everglades muck lands and the results that I have seen others attain have demonstrated that muck land will produce a citrus grove at one-half the expense of a grove planted on sand or rocky land, and that the muck grove will bear fruit of a superior quality in about one-half the time. And the fruit will command the very top prices. On the other hand, the prospective planter should be sure that his land is not subject to seasonal overflow. An occasional overflow will not injure a grove providing water remains on the land only a few days, then is drained off and the land allowed to aerate. Absolute freedom from overflow is, of course, preferable.

"The water conditions applying to citrus fruits are equally applicable to the avocado. The avocado is more sensitive to flooding, and, hence, greater care to provide adequate water control must be exercised on avocado groves. Avocados show a most remarkable growth and fruit well on muck lands. It has been my prediction for many years, and still is, that when Everglades lands are reclaimed through proper drainage and made accessible by roads, the world's largest production of both citrus fruit and avocado will emanate from the Everglades area.

"The present administration at Tallahassee has made tremendous strides towards the successful solution of the drainage problem. Governor Martin's conference has brought out stronger than ever before the needs of the district. His appointment of three eminent engineers will make it possible to secure an up-to-date, workable plan. If such a plan is coupled with legislation which will au-

thorize immediately a bond issue sufficient to complete the work, the bonds will become salable. Said bond to be offered for sale only when the money is required for work completed.

"Such a measure would make it possible to base the bond issue on the enormous value of the Glades when drained, instead of the basis of present assessed valuation, and thus provide the necessary funds without bringing in the coastal territory.

"If, in addition, the administration will dedicate the state lands for drainage as was originally provided, an additional sum of about \$50,000,000 would become available.

"Thus, the administration can make a lasting name for itself by making available this tremendous potential asset to benefit not only South Florida, but the whole state, the United States and the world at large."

### FLOOD CONDITIONS ON LAKE OKECHOBEE

On September 19th, 1926, the most violent hurricane ever known in the history of Florida, swept over the southern portion of the state, leaving in its path a desolate legacy of destruction, misery and death. To those who were trapped in the stricken zone, suffering loss of homes or loved ones, we extend the most heartfelt sympathy.

Out of the chaos following the catastrophe, has emerged a deplorable controversy, in which people with hearts wrung by losses and grief, are making accusations and attacks on the engineers who have had the working out of the control of Lake Okechobee and the drainage of the Everglades. Statements have been made that the control locks were deliberately kept closed so that the lake would be forced to rise; or that the control designs were insufficiently carried out; or that the control designs were inadequate. And since the engineers seem to be the outstanding target, the president of the Florida Engineering Society, deemed it advisable to conduct a personal investigation to determine, if possible, the facts, their responsibility, and to present them to the membership of the society. Obviously, the undertaking would be two gigantic tasks, and, in short, to present actual physical measurements, so the procedure followed was to view conditions, interview engineers and laymen best versed in all phases of the work, check this information against known conditions and assumptions, and compare the conclusions with the phenomena as they exist or occurred.

The facts in the case are that the lake level, at the beginning of the storm stood at 18.6 feet above sea level, at the end of the storm, 24 hours later, it stood 19.6 (122 inches higher), it overtopped dikes 24 to 26 feet above sea level during the storm, and at the present writing, 25 days after the storm, still remains at the elevation 19.6. Water at present stands at the elevation 19.6 over those parts of the Everglades adjacent to the lake that are not being improved under special diking and pumping. The level of the lake on the east side fell to 14.5 at the height of the storm and rose slowly 12.2 inches of rain fell during the period of the storm, and the wind, coming from the east, reached a velocity variously estimated at from 100 to 130 miles per hour.

Why did the lake rise so high? Why were the dikes necessary? How can the lake be kept at a proper level? Here a little history is necessary.

Before the drainage operations began, the average level of the lake was 20 feet, rising at times to as much as 24 to 25 feet.

After the improvements were started, the average level of the lake was reduced to 16.6, the predetermined level established by the government. This level was subject to fluctuation 20 inches as 3 feet up or down. The unwatering of the muck areas caused them to subside several feet until the ground level around the wet and south ends of the lake had an average level of 18.0. Since there were wide fluctuations of the lake level, it was necessary to construct dikes along the shore wherever the average ground level was as low as 18.0. The tops of the dikes were from 22 to 26 feet above datum.

Since the crest of the dikes were 6 to 10 feet above normal water level, and 3 to 7 above extreme high levels, they were considered high enough and adequate.

After the subsidence of the muck areas to 18.0, it was realized that the mean level of the lake was too high (a three (3) foot mean water level is desired for trucking) and so the government decided to lower the lake level by constructing lowering the mean level to 15.0.

Irrespective of navigation considerations, this is the level that best serves the trucking operations back from the edge of the lake as well as those bordering the lower level muck areas. Far too dry conditions, and the farmers are satisfied with 15.

Of the six canals tapping the lake, only one—the St. Lucie—was designed to serve as lake control. Four of the remaining (namely, the West Palm Beach, Hillsboro, North New River and Miami) are worked to capacity during the wet period to handle local drainage and during the dry period there is no need for them to act. The remaining one—the three-mile canal to

Lake Hitchcock and the Caloosahatchee—is used solely for navigation, as the Caloosahatchee river is also worked to capacity during periods when lake control is necessary.

The St. Lucie canal is at present operating to about one-half capacity, due to the presence of a rock barrier near its upper end. This is being worked on and will probably be removed this season. When complete, this canal will have a mean capacity of six thousand (6,000) cubic feet per second.

The total watershed of the Kissimmee river and the lake is about forty-five hundred (4,500) square miles, of which seven hundred thirty (730) is occupied by the lake and thirty-eight hundred and seventy (3,870) are tributary.

Exposed water surfaces within the tributary watershed cover about four hundred (400) square miles.

Tabulating the drainage data for the whole area remembering that all figures are approximate, we have:

Total watershed	Sq. miles
Area in Lake Okechobee	4,500
Area in tributary watershed	3,870
Area exposed water surfaces	400
Storage capacity of lake per ft. of water	150

Total precipitation at 55 ins. per year

Precipitation on Lake Okechobee per year

Runoff into lake (30 per cent) shed

Evaporation from lake (48-ft.) 80

Normal discharge of St. Lucie canal

Additional high-water discharge

Present discharge of St. Lucie canal

Storage capacity of lake per foot

In consideration of these figures we have a theoretical condition as follows: Water entering lake during year, 340 billion cubic feet; loss by evaporation, 80 billion cubic feet; loss by St. Lucie canal, 240 billion cubic feet; which leaves a net surplus of 110 billion cubic feet. In other words, under theoretical conditions, there would be a surplus of 60-ft. depth of water each year accumulate on the lake.

Under present status the conditions were probably as follows: Water entering lake per year, 340 billion cubic feet; loss by evaporation, 80 billion cubic feet; loss by St. Lucie canal, 150 billion cubic feet—leaving a surplus of 110 billion cubic feet, which would cause a theoretical rise of 5.5 feet in the lake.

We know that during the past few years, the lake has not piled up according to this analysis, so it is probable that the secondary canals actually did

function somewhat as "lake" control. Such functioning was no doubt at the expense of the bordering lands which in all likelihood were flooded part of the time.

Another point to consider is that a large part of the precipitation came during the so-called rainy season and so the control system was doubly taxed.

Thus it shows that the rise in the level of Lake Okechobee was inevitable and uncontrollable. Had all of the locks been opened at the beginning of the rainy season, probably the lake would have stood at a somewhat lower level, but the low lands away from the lake would have been flooded, and this was undesirable. Of course, had all hands known that a hurricane was coming, they might have submitted to such flooding, but no one knew it.

Now to preventive measures. This is a tremendous problem, but the high lights appear as follows: The margin between inflow and outflow from the lake is too narrow for safety. In view of recent experiences, a greater factor of safety should be maintained. Therefore, the outflow capacity should be materially increased. According to foregoing figures this increase should amount to fifty (50) billion cubic feet per year, or President Florida Engineering Society,

about twenty (20) per cent of the capacity of the St. Lucie canal.

A complete meteorological observation system should be established over the watershed. From this, after a short period of years, the exact effect of a rainfall up the valley could be forecast and the necessary protective measures taken at the lake outlet.

The increased outflow capacity can be obtained in several ways. One, would be to increase the capacity of St. Lucie canal. Another would be to tap the Allapattah Flats with two canals—one north and the other south of the St. Lucie canal. This would relieve the St. Lucie and the West Palm Beach canals, increase the capacity of the one and rendering available the other for control purposes.

Another would be to improve the Caloosahatchee river to a point where it could control its own flood conditions and take some of the surplus from the lake.

Which of these systems is the most feasible is another problem and will require considerable study. The Caloosahatchee scheme would blend in with the cross-state ship canal project and would thus become a highly attractive improvement. But that is not for present discussion.

H. D. MENDENHALL,

President Florida Engineering Society.

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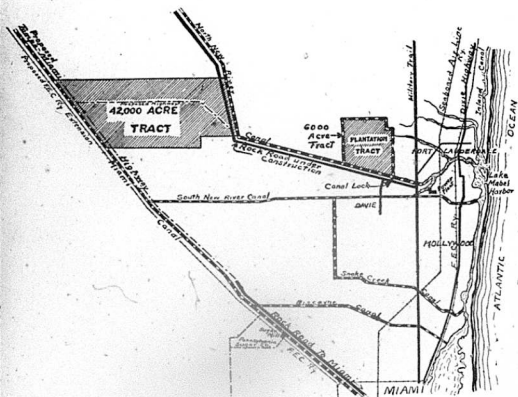
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Capt. R. E. Rose  
Writes of DrainageTallahassee, October 28, 1926.  
Mr. Howard Sharp, Editor,  
The Everglades News,  
Canal Point, Fla.

Dear Sir: I have read and received your issue of October 8, particularly your editorial "Sub-Drainage District," "In Lieu of Golf?" "When Moore Haven was Seen in a State of Suspended Animation."

This accuracy is no means the first overflow of the territory surrounding Lake Okechobee and simply confirms the correctness of the Randolph Report (The Florida Everglades Engineering Commission) to the board of commissioners of Everglades drainage district; the trustees of the internal improvement fund of the state of Florida, of October 25, 1913 (published as U. S. Senate Document No. 259, 62nd Congress, 2d session, 1911); and emphasizes the necessity for "the control of Lake Okechobee" and for "the progressive drainage of the Everglades," the system adopted by Governor Napoleon B. Broward and simply confirms the correctness of the Randolph Report (The Florida Everglades Engineering Commission) to the board of commissioners of Everglades drainage district; the trustees of the internal improvement fund of the state of Florida, of October 25, 1913 (published as U. S. Senate Document No. 259, 62nd Congress, 2d session, 1911).

I have been familiar with the territory surrounding Lake Okechobee since 1882, when the Diston Drainage Company came to canal from above the falls at Fort Thompson to permit out dredge, No. 1, on a similar flood (without a south-east hurricane) to steam over the falls the rock reef between Lake Platt and Lake Hicogee. The steamer "Florida Lee," a Mississippi river steamer, 50 foot beam, 120 foot long, made the voyage from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Kissimmee, Florida, on Lake Tohopekalica; where the remained several years for lack of water to get out of the lake. She was subsequently taken out on a similar flood and placed in the same position as the "Florida Lee" in the Apalachicola river. The "Florida Lee" was a powerful stern-wheeler, built at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, made the voyage from Philadelphia, via the Atlantic and Gulf and on a similar flood, to Kissimmee, Florida, was taken out after considerable delay and placed on a run on sounds of the Gulf coast in Texas.

I note an editorial in leading Florida journals suggesting another survey. When we consider the numerous surveys of the Everglades by U. S. engineers, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and by the engineers of the Diston Drainage Company, as recorded in U. S. Senate Document No. 89, 62nd Congress, 1st session, 1911, Everglades of Florida; together with U. S. Senate Document No. 278 and 280, 62nd Congress, 2d session, 1914, "The Report of the Florida Everglades Engineering Commission (the Randolph Report)," we recognize the fully of another survey of a territory which has been so frequently surveyed and studied by some of the most reputable drainage engineers, scientists and practical managers of the nation and state.

Another survey would add nothing to the knowledge of the territory now possessed; nor to the practical methods for reclaiming this vast area of unusually productive soil, when properly drained and reclaimed; as so fully outlined by the Randolph Report and the "Everglades of Florida." The Randolph Report of 1912 was made after six months of arduous work by three or more parties of engineers in the field, with accurate surveys, levels, soundings, and soil, depth of muck, sand and rock.

The creation of the board of drainage commissioners, May 22, 1905, in the legislation, naming the trustees of the I. I. Fund as the drainage commission at the request of Governor Napoleon B. Broward—a man of wonderful executive ability and an experienced landowner—a wise act.

Governor Broward fully realized the advantage of the system of progressive drainage and the economy of the owner (the state) owning the equipment and employing its own competent employees; as subsequently endorsed by the Randolph Engineering Commission, as follows on page 65 of the Randolph Report:

"Where—as will be the case in the prosecution of the work now under consideration—the volume of work justifies the investment by the owner or agent, in the necessary mechanical equipment, and other competent employees, the owner can prosecute a work of this magnitude at a less cost than the work is likely to be done by contract."

The conclusions and the economy of Governor Broward's building and operating the dreges, are fully sustained by the reports of the special joint committee of the legislature on drainage. The reports of these committees to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives of the Florida legislature in 1907 (pages 109-110), Everglades of Florida; and to the legislature of 1909 (pages 121-128, Everglades of Florida) illuminating. (These reports can also be found in the journals of the Florida legislature of 1907 and 1909).

The correctness of Governor Broward's conception of the problem is also fully confirmed by the report of the Randolph Commission in the first and second paragraphs of this report, on page 7, as follows:

"The conditions which existed when the Everglades engineering commission entered upon its duties as defined in the contract of April 30, 1913, are:

"Lake Okechobee, the great liquid heart of Florida, which, with the exception of Lake Michigan, is the largest body of fresh water wholly within the United States, lies at the focus of the greatest agricultural drainage problem in our country. This basin receives, in the limit of its capacity, the floods from a watershed 3,500 square miles in area. When that capacity is exceeded, the excess waters spill over its southern edge and flow southward over an area of 4,000 square miles known as the Florida Everglades, stretching away from the lake to the southern coast of the state."

"This condition will not obtain when the whole project is carried out. The present canals, as a part of a broad comprehensive system, be worth to the state every dollar that they have cost. They are there to serve a useful purpose in the great scheme of reclamation upon which the state has embarked; a scheme which has only to be carried to completion to make fertile fields of a watery waste and a populous land where now no man dwells."

Also on pages 7 and 8, as follows:

## Progressive Drainage

"We have encountered an idea, which is not generally prevailing at, at least, as yet, a large number of influential citizens of Florida to the effect that the problem of draining the Everglades can not be solved by progressive steps, but that the whole area must forthwith be covered by a great independent system of canals. We believe this to be an erroneous idea and that the Everglades can be reclaimed progressively, as is now planned by your board; that the work can so proceed as to reclaim the lands only as fast as there is need for those areas as homesteads and food producers. We regard Lake Okechobee as the key to the solution of the whole problem. When that great reservoir is brought under control and the territory to the south is freed from the overflow of the lake, then the emancipated region can be reclaimed by adequate main drainage outlets and subsidiary canals, whose capacities may be adjusted to

meet the needs of the territory which they serve."

That Governor Broward fully grasped the problem; recognized the difficulties; and understood the best and most economical methods for drainage and reclaiming the Everglades is shown by his message to the legislature of 1906, six years before the publication of Senate Document No. 89, of 1911. It can be found on pages 99 to 109, Everglades of Florida, and in the journal of the Florida legislature. His conception of the problem has been fully justified by the Randolph report and the two joint committee reports to the legislature of Florida, previously mentioned.

The change from state ownership and operation of the equipment and employment of competent operatives on the succession of J. O. Wright as chief engineer, July 6, 1919, is fully discussed in the message of Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, April 4, 1911, pages 188-190, Everglades of Florida; and is illuminating as to the cost of excavation. From January 1, 1909 to July 1, 1919, materials of all kinds (rock and earth) cost 131 cents per cubic yard. From July 1, 1910 to March 31, 1911, a total of 23 miles were cut for 104 cents per cubic yard (pages 188-190, Everglades of Florida).

The report of the special joint legislative committee on drainage of the Everglades to the 1909 legislature states that in 1908 a bonus of one cent per cubic yard was paid the crews for all material excavated in excess of 20,000 cubic yards per month. The dredge Okechobee for the month of January, 1909, running day and night cut 105,804 cubic yards at 370 cents per cubic yard. For the month of February, 1909, after the system was changed, the excavation amounted to but 20,412 yards, and for the next two months amounted to about the same as that of February. The recommendation of the committee is that the "bonus system" as employed by Governor Broward be continued.

Governor Broward's system of draining the Everglades, owning and operating the equipment is fully endorsed by the Randolph report (the Florida Everglades Engineering Commission) composed of three of the most eminent and successful drainage engineers of the United States, John Randolph,

the chairman, designed and cut the Chicago drainage canal from Lake Michigan to the Illinois river; the most stupendous and successful drainage canal of the world; a canal which has lowered the waters of Lake Michigan, and is now the subject of national controversy to limit its capacity to maintain the level of Lake Michigan. Marshal O. Leighton, and Edmund T. Perkins, the other two members of the commission are engineers of equal reputation.

In my opinion, Governor Broward's conception of the problem fully agrees with the Randolph report; and in a few words fully covers the entire problem.

"The way to drain a good swamp or lake above tide is to dig a ditch or canal of sufficient size, width, and depth into the ocean, and let the water run out."

There is no necessity of another survey. All the facts are well known and published in the documents stated.

The governor and his cabinet are all busy men, charge with the multitude of interests of the people of the entire state. They should be relieved of this great responsibility and authorized to employ a commission of eminent practical men of large experience in similar work of construction (such as are employed by railroad, bridge and dredging corporations). They should be paid salaries similar to those paid by commercial organizations for similar work, and should have no personal interest whatever in any local territory (except drainage district). In, or adjoining the Everglades drainage district. The state should have the "right of way" into and through the numerous streams the outlets of the waters of the Everglades. All dams, spillways and other impediments to drainage should be removed; the canals cut to grade, peaks and shoals removed. All bridges should be built to have a clear opening the width of the canal, with no obstruction to the flow of the canal water to catch, hold up, and dam the canals with the enormous growth of aquatic plants such as now, unfortunately, retard the drainage of the Everglades.

Yours truly,

R. E. ROSE.

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## Varied Industries In Lake Okeechobee Cities

### Soil Productivity Is Base of Glades Recuperative Capacity

"The Everglades can come back" quicker after a spell of hard luck than any country in the world."

The "high-brows" may not understand that sentence off-hand, for it is "Cracker talk," but it has as much meaning as a writer on political economy can put in a whole chapter. It means that "The structure of Everglades industry has a stable foundation" and that "There is a high recuperative ability" and that Lady Luck knows where her home is!

Nobody can stay poor in the Everglades very long.

We'll say that Iowa is the greatest corn producing state in the Union—or Nebraska or Illinois. How many corn crops can a farmer in Iowa or Nebraska or Illinois raise in a year? The answer is one. One—count it—One.

How many cotton crops can a Mississippi farmer raise in a year? He can raise one, and no more than one. That is just the same number as the number of crops of buckwheat that can be grown in Ohio or wheat in Kansas.

And how many crops of beans can be raised in the upper Everglades in half a year? Two, and in the same length of time a crop of tomatoes can be made on the same ground.

In October every acre of the 4,000 acres of ground in a certain section of the Lake Okeechobee region was under water; by the middle of the next month shipments of snap beans had started.

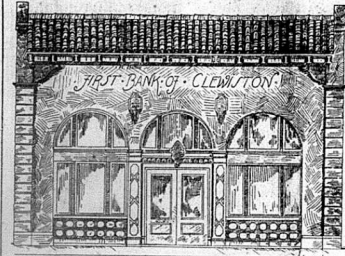
If that statement isn't intelligible to the reader to whom the subject is new, let's put it this way. In the month of January of a certain year there was a freeze that destroyed every growing thing in the larger part of the Lake Okeechobee region. It was like a spell of the hot winds that destroy corn fields in Kansas or a hail storm that destroys wheat fields in Minnesota. It was that complete. And yet within ninety days there wasn't a vestige or sign of any hard luck. Because within ninety days crops had been replanted and had grown to maturity and were being gathered.

"The Everglades can come back" quicker after a spell of hard luck than any country in the world." The worst that can happen in the Everglades is always less bad than the worst anywhere else.

These are the reasons: The staple crops in the upper Everglades are crops that have a short growing season. The time

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### Bank of Clewiston's New Building Plans



As will be noted by the many and varied business enterprises represented in this number, Clewiston at this early date has already grown into quite a city.

One of its important institutions is the First Bank of Clewiston, which was organized and opened for business in November of 1922. Presented herewith is a picture of the new home of the bank, on which construction is to commence shortly to house this institution, while as yet they are using a frame structure.

The bank opened for business November 8, 1922, and in January of 1923 showed total resources of \$87,000. By January of 1926 these figures, according to the official statement, already amounted to \$151,000, a substantial growth which has steadily continued.

Among the original organizers and present stockholders are well known men. These include such men as Captain J. J. O'Brien, one of the pioneer developers; Senator Alfred H. Wagg of West Palm Beach; A. C. Clewis, chairman of the board of directors of the Exchange National Bank of Tampa, considered one of the strongest in the state; W. H. James, prominent lake region farmer; Maude Wingfield of Ritta and others. The present officers of the bank are: C. V. Parkinson, president; J. S. Cottrell, vice president; Elbert L. Stuart, cashier. Mr. Stuart, who has been serving in this capacity here since January of 1923, was formerly connected with banks in Georgia. The bank's latest statement shows a surplus of \$10,300 with a steady increase in number of deposits and depositors.

### Big Capacity Packing Plant of Everglades Fishing Company



The fishing industry is one of the many important industries of the Everglades region. The Everglades Fisheries, Inc., of Okeechobee is operating from ten to twelve boats with corresponding crews on Lake Okeechobee and is probably the largest firm of its kind dealing in Lake Okeechobee fish, which are shipped to all parts of the country. They deal in the main in dressed catfish, which are shipped from Okeechobee to points in Missouri and Nebraska, mainly Omaha and St. Louis, in car load lots. To quote Leon Latour, active manager of the firm and a real authority in this line:

"The location of Okeechobee is ideal, both with relation to the fishing banks and the distributing center. The harbor could not be better if made to Okeechobee's order by the Great Architect."

"Okeechobee has thousands of dollars well invested in plants and equipment wherein to produce what must soon become one of the most popular of all low-priced products. And Okeechobee understands how to put up dressed channel catfish, and

it is eaten with a relish, buyers knowing that no sixty-cent-a-pound steak could be more nourishing and tasty."

"Okeechobee is a mighty food-producing center today, but even the present magnitude of the business is as nothing compared with what will be produced when the wholesaler helps the retailer to help the common public to help itself by spending a small part of its butcher's bill at the grocers for a largely increased food value per dollar than heretofore known."

"Catfish is today bringing in a golden harvest for those who are awake to this means of providing the home and who are taking the trouble to make clean the known values and economics that go with the extended use of Okeechobee's fresh water catfish in the home fare."

"These Okeechobee catfish producers are today equipped with the best machinery and with the sanitary methods backed by a healthy degree of efficiency. It is a rare sight to watch long rows of skilled men drawing the skin from these fish one by one in order that the fish may go to the trade as an

### MANY SOURCES OF INCOME TO PEOPLE IN LAKE REGION

"What do the people around here do for a living?"

That is the frequent and natural question of visitors to the Lake Okeechobee region, if they visit the lake towns in the fall and summer. The question is not asked in the winter and spring because the visible activity of the people and the appearance of the country make the question unnecessary. It is a question, however, to which answer may be given for the information of readers at a distance.

Originally the chief occupation of practically all of the people in the Lake Okeechobee region was fishing. North and west of the lake, in what was then DeSoto and Brevard counties, there was a substantial cattle and naval stores business, with some groves and sawmills.

The fishing industry was extended to Lake Okeechobee when a canal was cut and a connection made between the lake and Caloosahatchee river, fishermen from the west coast coming up the river and through the canal into the lake. When fish were not running the fishermen made gardens in small clearings, and the prodigality of the yields of vegetables attracted the attention of truckers on the east coast. Thus trucking was added to the original fishing industry. The third industry was established (the tourist business) as knowledge spread that Lake Okeechobee was frequented by ducks in large number and that the winter climate of the region was even better than the east coast climate. Lack of hotel accommodations is the great handicap to expansion of the tourist business.

Transportation primarily for the vegetables grown in the lake region, is of itself quite a business; there are four boat lines on the lake. Maintenance of the fishermen's boats, the freight boats and passenger craft calls for boat ways and machine shops. Hundreds of men are employed on dredges that are digging canals and making levees; the wages paid to them makes a considerable pay roll. Cattle and lumbering have not died out, although they have lost their original importance.

With the fishing industry, the trucking industry, the tourist business, transportation operations and construction work, a body of population is made up which calls for food, shelter and entertainment. Thus there are stores, moving picture show houses, newspapers, schools, churches, dairies, barber shops, laundries, bakeries and all of the small businesses that are usual to all communities. This is what "the people around here do for a living"—the same thing people do elsewhere. The variety of industries and enterprises is greater than in a western agricultural community, greater too than in a community dependent on one large factory.

On a solid foundation we have built for you who are to come. The pioneering stage is over, the ground work is laid and it but needs you and intelligent application to bring wealth from these soils. A land of plenty—soil, water and sunshine in abundance. Welcome to the Everglades of Florida.

### Conditions In Glades Good; Outlook Warrants Progress

Hundreds of subscribers to The Everglades News, owners of land in the Everglades, influencing persons in circles amounting to thousands want to know what the condition and outlook of the Everglades.

Many of them once lived here but left because of the inadequacy of roads and drainage; they and others want to know when they can make permanent settlement; others, non-residents, want action of some kind to lease or sell. There are letters of inquiry from holders of section tracts, who are ready to do anything that is practicable, and letters from buyers of lots in Lake Harbor and Clewiston townships and other developments. Persons who as yet do not own real estate here ask if purchase is warranted by conditions and prices.

The Everglades News has a reputation as a newspaper that tells the truth—at least that it seeks to describe conditions as they are. This puts a heavy responsibility on this newspaper. The temptation to shirk the responsibility is made inescapable by the number and insistence of the letters of inquiry. The reply to the inquiries must be made in these columns because answers in letters is impossible.

This is not the best time in which to attempt statement of present conditions or outlook: Road contracts are in process of execution but the roads are not completed and no precise offer of completion can be fixed. The "rainy season" is past but there still is chance that weather may be abnormal. Dredges are working in main canals but occasional delays by mishap to the ponderous machines must be as-

sumed. However, it must be said, even when all factors of mischance are deducted, that conditions in the Everglades as a whole are good, excellent in areas and glowingly promising in particular sections.

There is still need of caution. Non-resident owners who want to sell must abandon hopes of getting high prices and exorbitant profits; few of them can expect to rent their tracts for cash because most of the land that is let out is on a share-crop basis. Cash rent will not be paid unless the rental is well below the amount a share-crop arrangement is expected to yield.

Prospective buyers should not pay money for land they have not seen unless they buy from or through an agent or company that is recommended by residents of the locality in which the land is situated. Any reputable company operating in the Everglades will have an announcement in The Everglades News; if it is not an advertiser in this newspaper the reason probably is that its proposition does not meet our standards.

Non-resident owners should not depend wholly on reports made in this newspaper or by mail; they should make a trip to the country and get confirmation by observation.

Lots in Canal Point, Pahokee, Chosen, Belle Glade, South Bay, Okeelanta, Lake Harbor and Clewiston are good buys at the prevailing prices. We advise against the purchase of lots in any other purported townships. Bargains can be had at Okeechobee at the north end of the

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# History of Glades Drainage Project

By the treaty of February 22, 1819, the Kingdom of Spain ceded to the United States in full the property and sovereignty of all territories known by the name of East and West Florida. The territory known as East and West Florida was, by an act of Congress, approved March 3, 1845, admitted into the Union under the name of the State of Florida on an equal footing with the original states in all respects whatsoever.

The Legislature of Florida in 1845 and again in 1848, adopted resolutions calling attention to the drainage of the Everglades, which resolutions formed the basis of the activity of Senator Westcott in his efforts to have the lands granted to Florida.

Act of Congress of 1850. Through the efforts of Senator Westcott, one of the first United States Senators from Florida, the swamp and overflowed land-grant act was enacted, and by amendment made applicable to all the states of the Union, which is usually referred to as the act of Congress approved September 28, 1850. Under this act upward of 20,000,000 acres of land have been patented to the State of Florida. The primary purpose, as expressed in the act of Congress, is to aid the states to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands within their limits by means of drains and levees.

The act of Congress granting the swamp and overflowed lands for the purpose of drainage and reclamation further provides that title thereto shall be conveyed to the various states by patents from the general government; and, in pursuance thereof, patents were issued by the government to the State of Florida conveying all the swamp and overflowed lands approved,

subject to the disposal of the Legislature.

State Laws of 1851 and 1855. Following the enactment of the act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed an act in 1851, accepting the grant aforesaid, and made provision for a board of internal improvement, composed of a membership from the various judicial circuits of the state. In 1854, this board, after some effort to handle the fund, prepared a report setting forth the reasons why the board found itself unable to handle the fund and their efforts and views, accompanied by a bill, which it recommended that the Legislature pass, and which became a law under date of January 6, 1855, and is known as chapter 610, Laws of Florida. This act creates Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, by designating the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture and their successors in office as Trustees, and grants to said Trustees irrevocably the lands granted to the State of Florida by the act of 1841 for internal improvement purposes remaining unsold, and also the lands granted to the State of Florida under the act approved September 28, 1850, for the purposes and trusts therein set forth, the main trust being the drainage and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands.

Policies of Trustees. During the first 25 years of the management of the fund under the provisions of chapter 610, the Trustees and the executives of the various administrations, up to and including the year 1879, adhered strictly to the terms of the grant by Congress, its acceptance by the

The following condensed history of the Everglades and the drainage project is taken from a volume issued by the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., as Senate Document No. 89, 62d Congress, 1st session, under the title "Everglades of Florida." Although the volume was issued as long ago as 1911, its history of the Everglades and the drainage project stands as the most authoritative statement on the subjects. The present value of the excerpts here printed lie largely in the stress put on the agreements and decisions that the land granted by the Federal government to the state of Florida was for the purpose of drainage and the acceptance of this condition by the state.

Legislature in 1851, and the provisions made for the administrations of the fund by chapter 610; and in each and every instance where the Legislature sought to divert the Internal Improvement Fund, or the lands belonging thereto, to purposes other than as expressed therein within the strict rule and construction thereof making the fund applicable solely to the drainage and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands, this attempted legislation was vetoed by the then Governor, including the veto of Governor Drew in 1879 of the first railroad land-grant acts that were passed by the state Legislature, which resulted in the Legislature inserting in acts thereafter attempting to grant lands to railroad companies provisions making said grants subject to the trusts and provisions of the act approved January 6, 1855, providing for the sale and disposition of the lands by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and the application of the proceeds thereof, or the use of the lands in kind for the main purpose of the act, viz, the drainage and rendering fit for cultivation of the swamp and overflowed lands of the fund.

It appears from a close ex-

amination of the various acts of the Legislature, beginning in 1879, and continuing down to a very recent date, attempting to grant swamp and overflowed lands to encourage the construction of railroads, aggregating 15,000,000 acres, that only a residuary interest therein was attempted to be granted by the Legislature.

Immediately following the several acts of the Legislature attempting to grant lands to aid in the construction of railroads, beginning with 1879, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund established and observed the policy of regarding such acts as absolute grants of the lands mentioned therein, and of conveying such lands to the railroad companies in accordance with this interpretation of the meaning of such acts of the legislature, and from 1879 to 1900, inclusive, upward of 8,000,000 acres of swamp and overflowed lands were deeded by the Trustees to railroad companies under legislative land grants.

#### Disston Sale

The efforts of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to handle the vast trust and discharge the duties devolving upon them were greatly disturbed by the effects arising from and

Florida lying south of township 23 and east of Peace creek belonging to the State of Florida or the Internal Improvement Fund.

Under this agreement drainage operations began near Kissimmee; and were prosecuted for some years, during which time many questions were raised about the drainage operations, resulting in an act of the Legislature being passed authorizing the governor to appoint a committee to investigate and ascertain what quantity of land the Atlantic Coast Canal & Okeechobee Land Co. (this being the corporation to which Hamilton Disston and associates assigned their contract with the Trustees) had reclaimed for the state, and other purposes, under which act the governor appointed Messrs. J. J. Daniel, W. H. Davison and John Bradford. This committee made an extensive examination into the drainage operations, the number of canals dug, the length, width, and depth of the same, and the location thereof; they also examined the capacity of the canals for carrying off the water along the prescribed route, with their probable influence on the waters along said route, the actual effect produced upon the waters along said route, and the watershed or area of country which the canals were intended to relieve. The examination was made by the committee during the period of the year of the greatest annual depression of the waters of the rivers and lakes, which period was determined by information obtained from the federal government on the subject as well as by meteorological observations and reports of the government, and others. The committee quoted the paragraph in the Disston

contract referring to the permanent lowering of the waters of Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee river, its lakes and tributaries, and stated that this was and is the main feature of the general plan of drainage as embodied in the contract made with the Trustees; that the lands can only so be reclaimed by permanently lowering and keeping reduced the waters of Okeechobee and its confuents, and that if their waters are not permanently lowered and kept reduced the plan of drainage is not carried out and there can be no reclamation under the contract, inasmuch as the company had failed to reduce the lakes and rivers which were to be lowered in order to effect this reclamation. They further state that they had taken time to observe the waters in the drainage district at every season of the year in order to test the permanent character of the work and better assure themselves of the correctness of the conclusions reached.

The Disston contract was amended August 17, 1888, under which amended contract the Trustees were to deed, for and in consideration of the cost of such drainage operations, to the Disston company one acre of land for each 25 cents that the company expended in such work. The change in the contract thus permitted drainage operations to be carried on in the Kissimmee valley, many miles distant from Lake Okeechobee, and at a much higher altitude than the lake, and thus the only canals excavated by the Disston company that would have tended to reduce the waters of Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades; if they had been

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## MOTOR THROUGH

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Then, from the town of Canal Point, it stretches along the shores of magnificent Lake Okeechobee for 32 miles to Okeechobee City. On one side the beautiful blue waters of the lake. On the other an avenue of Australian pines, palms, poincianas, magnolia and eucalyptus, entwined with festoons of Spanish moss.

Until Conner Highway was built, that vast and remarkably fertile area known as the Everglades, full of historic interest, and where Semole Indians made their last stand, was inaccessible to the motoring public. Today Conners Highway, joining State Road No. 8 at Okeechobee, is the ideal route to and from points on the West Coast, and to the North. The route north is through the beautiful Scenic Highlands region and the road for miles runs through a country of rolling hills, studded with mammoth citrus groves, with countless lakes on each side.

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Okeechobee possesses the finest soil in Florida for citrus fruits—oranges, grapefruit, lemons, tangerines, limes and kumquats. This industry has been on a commercial basis so long that producers have been able properly to organize the gathering, packing and shipping. Marketing is well taken care of, to the advantage of all growers.

Okeechobee has heavy bearing Tangelo trees, the "tangelo" being a new citrus fruit that is a cross between a tangerine and a grapefruit.

## GENERAL FARMING

This region is also well adapted to general farming. The soil grows Rhodes, Natal, Para, Sudan, Napier, and Bermuda grasses, and in livestock farming a good pasture means much.

And do not overlook the rapid strides we have made in growing the avocado, or "alligator pear," a fruit high in food value, that can be grown here almost as cheaply as apples and selling for as high as fifty cents apiece.

Nor the mango, "the apple of the tropics," choice specimens of which sell in northern markets for \$1.00 each. Bananas, paw-paws, guavas, persimmons, berries, melons and grapes are grown successfully and profitably.

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completed, were a canal from the southwest shore of Lake Okeechobee into the Glades without outlet. Drainage operations under the Diston contract ceased about 1889.

Dr. H. W. Wiley, of the Bureau of Chemistry, in 1891 made a report to the Department of Agriculture on "The Muck Lands of the Florida Peninsula," which furnished valuable scientific data on the constitution of the soil and climatic conditions of the Everglades; and in 1905, Dr. Wiley filed a report on "Cane and Cassava Culture in Florida," containing analyses of Florida sugar cane.

### Plan—Jennings' Administration

In the latter part of 1902 Governor Jennings took up the question of draining the Everglades and had much data compiled touching the feasibility and practicability of draining the Everglades, the topography, rainfall, watershed, altitude above sea level, outlets, etc., and presented a reference thereto in his message to the Legislature in 1903, with profile drawings showing the altitude of Lake Okeechobee, profiles of the Kissimmee river and lakes, including Okeechobee, and their elevations above tide-water, showing the normal elevation of Lake Okeechobee to be 20.42 feet above the level of the Gulf of Mexico and practically the same height above the Atlantic ocean with reference to the surveys of levels made by General Gillmore, Colonel Hopkins, Major Wurts, V. P. Keller, J. W. Newman and W. H. Caldwell, assistant United States engineer. The message made reference to the expedition of Mr. James E. Ingraham, the nature and character of the soil, its fertility and growth of cotton, naming the proposed drainage outlets to be deepened by the cutting of

canals from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico and the waters of the Atlantic ocean on the east.

The patent to the Everglades was obtained on April 29, 1903, about the same time that Governor Jennings' message was submitted to the legislature, and systematic effort was made to put in tangible form the records and minutes of the Trustees by having the minutes printed, which had not theretofore been done, and tables were prepared showing the status of the fund both in lands and moneys, which showed that the fund was really without money or lands; that the railroad legislative land-grant claimants were claiming all of the lands that the fund had or could become entitled to.

A sale was made by the Trustees to Neil G. Wade of approximately 100,000 acres of land, proceeds to be used for drainage works, which land the railroad companies claimed belonged to them, and brought suit to recover the lands or the proceeds arising from the sale thereof, challenging the power of the Trustees to sell the lands and use the proceeds for any other purpose than to turn the moneys over to the railroad claimants. This caused the Trustees to examine more particularly into their powers and duties relating to the management and disposition of the lands of the fund, which resulted in the Trustees propounding questions to Hon. D. U. Fletcher of the Jacksonville bar, Hon. R. W. Williams of the Tallahassee bar, and Hon. T. L. Clarke of the Monticello bar, asking for their written opinions on the subject, which were furnished in due course, which questions were answered in effect by all of them that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are clothed with full power under the laws of Florida to sell the swamp and overflowed lands granted under the act of Congress of September, 1850, for

the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the laws on the subject and were limited by the objects of the grants of the federal government of 1850 to the drainage and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands.

This condition being presented to the Trustees of the Jennings administration caused them to make a comprehensive investigation into the whole subject matter and history of the Internal Improvement Fund, resulting in having the minutes published and statements prepared showing the status of all chartered railroad companies, of all land grants, of all lands conveyed to railroad companies and canal companies, the total acreage of the lands granted to Florida under the act of 1850 and the disposition thereof. A further result of this investigation was the adoption by the Trustees of a resolution asserting a superior title to the lands in the fund over that of the railroad land-grant claimants under subsequent and residuary legislative enactments, and declaring it to be the fixed determination and policy of the Trustees to defend the title to the lands for the purpose of performing the trust of drainage and reclamation.

During the early part of the year 1901 the representatives of various railroad companies made demand for hearings before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to settle questions of priorities between claimants under railroad land-grant acts. The Trustees having arrived at the resolution above set forth, determined not to execute deeds under or by virtue of any railroad land-grant act of the legislature; and upon the announcement of this decision and policy numerous suits were instituted to compel the Trustees to execute deeds under and by virtue of the various land grants represented by the various railroad companies, and active litigation followed, beginning in the year 1902.

During the Jennings administration ending January 1, 1905, no deeds were executed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under and by virtue of any railroad land-grant acts, either voluntarily or under compulsion by the courts.

### Contention of Trustees Sustained

The contention of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, based upon the decision of the Trustees in 1901, and observed by them subsequently, has been expressly sustained by the courts, and does not appear to be longer a question of controversy. The whole subject matter was resolved in one case, that of the Southern States Land & Timber Co., before Judge Swaine, upon an application to enjoin the Trustees from the exercise of any discretionary power over the fund or any disposition of any of the lands for any purpose other than to deed them to railroad companies under their respective land grants made by the Legislature.

This proposition involved the entire fund. It was a test case tacitly agreed upon by all the railroad companies, and so presented. The Trustees, on the one hand, claimed that they had the power to do all of the things complained of and full discretion to sell and dispose of the lands, and to use the proceeds thereof for purposes of drainage and reclamation; and, as it will be observed, the railroad land-grant claimants claimed that the lands of the entire fund belonged to them, and were not subject to sale and disposition by the Trustees for the purpose of drainage and reclamation. After argument, the court made an order on the 23 day of May, 1907. It expressly authorized and empowered the Trustees to sell or otherwise dispose of said lands as stated, for the express purpose of using the proceeds for the purpose of drainage and reclamation, and to apply to the court for authority and permis-

son to sell more lands at the end of six months, for the purpose of drainage and reclamation and paying the expenses of the trust. This is the most important decision rendered in connection with the fund during its 50 years' existence. It expressly upholds the contention of the Trustees and the policy adopted in 1901 and since observed and followed.

### Begin Actual Drainage

During the latter part of the Jennings administration, a comprehensive plan for the drainage of the Everglades was prepared and submitted to the officers of the Southern States Land & Timber Co., the Consolidated Land Co., and other companies owning great areas of land in the Everglades, and several conferences were had between the officials of the land companies and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. These plans for drainage and reclamation work were merged in the subsequent settlements and plans for drainage followed by the subsequent administrations.

Governor Jennings' term expired soon after this testimony was taken, viz. on January 3, 1905, at which date Governor N. B. Broward was inaugurated. Within a few days thereafter former Governor Jennings was employed as general counsel of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

### Chamber Survey

Prior to the close of the Jennings administration the governor requested the Commissioner of Agriculture to prepare a plat or chamber survey of the Everglades, which was made and officially adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on the 23 day of January, 1905.

Drainage Work Under Broward On September 21, 1905, Capt. J. O. Fries, civil engineer, reported to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund a preliminary survey of a route between Lake Okeechobee and the Atlantic ocean for the purpose

of draining and reclaiming lands in that vicinity.

On November 6, 1905, V. P. Keller, a civil engineer, made for the Trustees a map of part of the Everglades, showing the profile of the drainage canals from Lake Okeechobee to Lake Worth.

On November 9, 1905, the Trustees directed John W. Newman, engineer, to proceed to

make a hydrographic and topographical survey of New River from Fort Lauderdale, including both the north and south branches of said river, to a point in the Everglades where the altitude approximates the mean low-water level of Lake Okeechobee, and to prepare pro-

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The question as to whether the appraised value of the district assessed will ever construct and support the present district generally has been

West Palm Beach often speaks of our "back country." What is meant by "ours"? If they derive a direct benefit from the creation of suitable farming lands, then they should be assessed

for it. If they are content to mention our "back country" in a whisper or with proper apologies, then they do not have any faith in it and should discourage its settlement.

It is not drained now nor is it ever safe for a sub-drainage district. The

Everglades could be successfully drained, the water can be controlled in Lake Okeechobee, but the problem is one similar to the measure of work—a given amount accomplished in a given time.

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files of said survey. On December 12, 1905, the route recommended by J. W. Newman, engineer, was adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as the official route of the first drainage canal, from the mouth of Sabie creek, in section 19, township 50 south, range 42 east, following the open Glades to the south end of Lake Okeechobee.

In a special message to the Legislature of Florida in 1905 Governor Broward recommended the adoption of a drainage law, for the purpose of providing additional funds to insure the drainage and reclamation of the Everglades, some question having been raised by the railroad land grant claimants as to the powers and duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to use the proceeds of the sales of Everglades lands for the purpose of drainage and reclamation at that time.

**The Drainage Tax Law**  
Pending the litigation referred to between the railroad land grant claimants against the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as to the ownership of the Everglades, at the beginning of Governor Broward's administration, January, 1905, former Governor Jennings designed and prepared a drainage-tax law defining a drainage district embraced in the Everglades, and providing for an acreage tax of 5 cents per acre per annum, to be assessed against all of the lands in said drainage district, as an auxiliary or supplementary resource or fund to assure the drainage of the Everglades without regard to the ownership of the lands. This law was attacked as being unconstitutional, and during the lawsuit a great volume of testimony was taken touching the feasibility and practical

bility of drainage. The United States court having ruled against the constitutionality of the law, an amendment thereof was drafted by former Governor Jennings, which was enacted by the legislature and approved March 28, 1907. This amended act was sustained by the decision of the United States circuit court and the United States circuit court of appeals, and the litigation was then amicably settled between the litigants and the State Board of Drainage Commissioners, resulting in the appointment of J. O. Wright, chief drainage engineer, and the Furst-Clark Construction Co.'s contract for the drainage of the Everglades, herein referred to.

It will therefore be observed that the drainage of the Everglades had two separate and distinct sources of revenue providing for the carrying on of the work of reclamation. First, The Everglades lands proper, owned and controlled by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, who are authorized and fully empowered under the act of January 6, 1855, to sell such lands and apply the proceeds thereof to the purpose of drainage and reclamation. The drainage canals and other works which have been constructed by the Internal Improvement Board, out of the proceeds of the sales of Everglades lands are properly within their powers and duties conferred on them by the acts of the legislature and the act of Congress of 1850.

Second, The additional source of revenue provided by the enactment of the drainage law, which assessed a tax on the area included in the drainage district of 5 cents per acre per annum, furnished an annual net income of approximately \$200,000.

After the enactment of the drainage law, and in the ensuing litigation, the most difficult problem matter from the state's standpoint was the litigation made in the courts on behalf of the complainants seeking to enjoin the collection of the tax and to have the drainage law declared unconstitutional, to the effect that the state authorities did not have sufficient technical information touching the feasibility and practicality of the drainage of the Everglades to sustain a special assessment and the expenditure of public money.

**'Practicability of Drainage'**  
To meet this charge the state officials, through Governor Broward, applied to the Secretary of Agriculture for assistance in the matter of designating a competent, expert drainage engineer to investigate the question of the feasibility and practicality of the drainage of the Everglades, by taking the levels and making such examination as was found necessary; for this purpose, having in view the necessity of obtaining, to meet this allegation of the complainants' bills, as well as for the use of the state engineer in charge of the drainage of the Everglades, the most reliable and competent information that could be procured. The Secretary of Agriculture considered the request favorably and ordered the investigation to be made through the Office of Experiment Stations, Irrigation and Drainage Investigations, Elwood Meade, chief, by J. O. Wright, supervising drainage engineer.

During his administration Governor Broward was a forceful champion and advocate of the drainage and reclamation of the Everglades, and devoted great effort and much ability to the work, as did his associate Trustees. The Trustees during the Broward administration caused to be constructed the dredge Everglades, which was launched at Fort Lauderdale on the 4th day of July, 1906; also the dredge Okeechobee, which was launched during the month of October, 1906. The dredges Calabashkee and Miami were constructed under contracts let by the Broward administration on August 17, 1908. The Calabashkee was launched in March, 1909.

## Scene At Standard Boatways In Okeechobee



Boat building, general marine, engine work and boat repair work of course go hand in hand with the busy fishing industry on Lake Okeechobee.

What was originally known and organized as the Bass Fisheries Company in 1912 and is now known as the Standard Fisheries, is one of several concerns that do a big business in the dressed fish business at Okeechobee.

This firm has to its credit the shipping of as high as 151,537 barrels of fish in a single month from their Okeechobee packing house.

A most important side issue today is what is known as the Standard Boatways Company, which industry developed from the fisheries concern starting this equipment on a smaller scale some few years ago in order to be able to handle repairs on their own large fleet of boats.

Soon the demand for this work was such that it was deemed advisable to enlarge the plant in order that all Lake Okeechobee boat work might be taken care of and the business has steadily grown until today they are taking care of an enormous amount of such work. This includes general repair work, the handling and installation of marine engines, marine engine repair work, general marine supplies, welding, blacksmith work, etc. A goodly number of men find employment here and the payroll at the present time for the boatbuilding end alone will average around \$400 per week.

No such dangers attend trucking in the upper Everglades. Here, if the eggplant seed or pepper seed or tomato seed proves to be bad, the dealer furnishes another lot and the seed is replanted; the time required for the seed to germinate being so short that no loss is caused. In the seedbed is a reserve of plants; if frost comes, the field is replanted. If the market turns bad, the crop can be plowed under and another crop made.

In no country in the world can a farmer take advantage of changes in market conditions as well as he can in the upper Everglades. A measurable protection against frosts is possible in the Everglades trucking industry by making fires in the field or covering the plants. Excess rains in the growing season are provided against by individual pumping plants.

Things are practical on a ten-acre tract that are impossible on a 160-acre field. It is literally true that "The Everglades can 'come back' quicker than any country in the world."

This is a transition period in all South Florida. Except when properties are in the hands of well financed individuals or companies that are doing development work it is better not to buy any farm land. No isolated or detached tract is as good value as a tract in a development or a sub-drainage district. The money that is to be made in this region for the next few years will be made from production, not from speculation. There is no prospect of increase in real estate values except in the areas in which there is production.

**QUICK COME-BACK DUE TO SOIL PRODUCTIVITY**

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of growth is further shortened by the fact that vegetation grows faster in muck soil than any other type of soil. The staple crops of the upper Everglades are vegetables that encounter less competition in markets than any other form of agricultural products, this because of the climate of the region.

Most of the people who live in the upper Everglades used to

## FISH PACKING PLANT OF LARGE CAPACITY

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absolutely well cleaned food product. Men operating these fish companies have, almost to a man, spent years specializing in this business. They constantly pass among the workers in their various departments and their years of experience have developed a quick perception which secures the maintenance of the standards which they expect their employees to uphold.

"It might be well to outline what happens to the fish from the moment it is brought aboard the vessel to the time it is mailed up and ready for shipment to all parts of the country. As the catfish for example, comes onto a vessel on the lake, it is split, opened, cleaned and hide removed, and thoroughly chilled then placed into the hold of the boat. Arriving at Okeechobee, it is packed into barrels, each containing two hundred pounds of fish, and is now ready for shipment."

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**S**OME persons who read this know all about Lake Okeechobee, on which Clewiston is located, and about the reclaimed upper Everglades. Some others know a little about them and many have only the vaguest ideas of what these vast, rich farmlands, slowly coming under reclamation, are like.

The first group, those who know this wonderful section of Florida thoroughly, know all about Clewiston and know that it justifies its slogan, "There is nothing else just like Clewiston in Florida today."

To the other two groups—even those who have seen the Everglades; even those who visited Clewiston months ago—this city building for agriculture and industry presents some remarkable characteristics, especially in the light of recent events.

In no way is the real status of Clewiston in the upper Everglades made so manifest as in this one fact: in ten days or two weeks from the time this advertisement appears—perhaps before—large quantities of beans grown this fall in drained, dry muck soil, will be going from Clewiston to the high priced markets of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati and other great cities.

Fresh peppers, lima beans and other green food are growing NOW in Clewiston soil because effective, successful drainage systems stood the test of the elements; because the kind of drainage that has been established at

Clewiston at vast expense has "proved up."

And this is only the forerunner of far greater things, the Clewiston farm area, adjoining Clewiston, with its thousands of acres of rich, black muck soil being also drained dry and available for agriculture.

These facts make Clewiston a great thing for the upper Everglades, because they demonstrate in the one way that really proves anything, that this wonderfully rich area can be drained and made available for agriculture.

It is a point of considerable importance with regard to Clewiston and the Clewiston Farms that neither depends fundamentally for drainage upon the state levees around Lake Okeechobee. Both Clewiston and Sugarland sub-districts are separate and distinct drainage operations, laid out and constructed by a widely known firm of drainage engineers. The districts have their own sturdy system of levees and canals.

Bearing all this in mind the observer and investigator finds in Clewiston and the engineering back of it the features that "stand up."

And these things are mighty important. Given adequate and successful drainage and WATER CONTROL, such as the Clewiston and Clewiston Farms drainage operations provide, the old hazards of flood and drought that have beset Everglades farmers for years disappear. The dream of wide spreading, prosperous farm lands ceases to be a dream and becomes a reality.

Again, however, that is only a beginning. Add to the splendid basis of drainage—actually drained—muck land

the notable industrial plans at Clewiston, plus its splendid strategic position as a resort and with respect to transportation and new highways and there is abundant justification to any observer in the Clewiston slogan: "There is nothing else just like Clewiston in Florida today."

Nothing could be sounder than those industrial plans. They root down into the soil, to begin with—a great foundation. They call for the cultivation of 15,000 acres of sugar cane by interests associated with the Clewiston Company, and establishment of great sugar mills. The fibrous residue of ground sugar cane, called bagasse, is the raw material for celotex, a widely used insulating lumber, and the same interests plan to erect a celotex unit at Clewiston as soon as a steady supply of this bagasse becomes available.

The value to a new city of such industrial plans is apparent—as they are carried out they bring two things—a swiftly growing population of workers and the steady prosperity afforded any community by a weekly payroll.

The natural beauty of Clewiston, which will be further enhanced by its model city plan; the sport for the fisherman and hunter offered by Lake Okeechobee and the surrounding Glades, provide other features to attract visitors and settlers. Railroad facilities, water transportation and new highways well on toward completion add to the desirability of Clewiston as a place to live, to farm, to play or to work.

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Look on any map of the state of Florida, run a forefinger down the outline of the peninsula and locate Lake Okeechobee, the second largest fresh-water lake in the United States, and under the almost circular form of the lake find what is known locally as "the South Bay" country. Possibly the map you examine will show the southward extension of the lake which forms a bay and which by reason of its location has long been known as "South Bay" to distinguish it from the other bays around the big lake.

One of the communities at the south end of the lake is named South Bay; another town in that locality is Belle Glade, five miles east of it, and in the same area is the community for which the residents selected the name Chosen. Five miles south of the southern tip of the lake is Okeelanta, a name compounded from syllables of the words Okeechobee and Atlantic. Further west on the lake shore are the communities of Lake Harbor (Mikan canal lock) and Ritta and Baro Beach. Clewiston is still farther west, and then comes Moore Haven.

Possibly these names are not on the map you have found. If they are not, that will give you an idea of how new this region is—how much development there has been in a short time, and will lead you to get a better and better map of Florida. "Folders" or time schedules issued by the Florida East Coast railroad, the Atlantic Coast Line or the Seaboard Air Line contain maps that will serve to show the location of the communities at the south end of Lake Okeechobee.

It means a good deal that the railroads are now showing existing and projecting lines in the Everglades, the spaces being dotted with names of towns instead of the funny little marks that are used to indicate marsh lands. To get money to build lines the railroad companies sell bonds and the bonds go into the hands of investors all over the United States, and it starts the buyers of the railroad bonds to "plugging" for the Everglades, assisting the growth of the country so the railroads can make money and pay the bonds.

It will be worth the while of persons into whose hands this newspaper may come to read with some care what is printed here. This Special Edition of The Everglades News is not issued to flatter the residents of the region or to extol the country on behalf of a real estate promotion. Its purpose is to extol the region and cause investigation. It cannot afford exaggerations, which would have a bad reaction if the representations here made were not borne out by inspection. What is needed here is well-considered matter. What is said is temperately worded.

The country at the south end of Lake Okeechobee is the most remarkable country in the

world. Does that broad statement seem to contradict the claim that what is said here is temperately worded? It does not contradict it, for the country at the south end of Lake Okeechobee is indeed the most remarkable country in the world. Consider the facts: this region has the climate of the tropics, hence it is in climatic situation to produce sub-tropical vegetation. It has a soil of abounding fertility in which the products of sub-tropical origin can grow. For the sale of its products it is closer to the profitable American markets than are Cuba and South America or Africa or India. It has the charm of the tropics with all of the safeguards and benefits of Anglo-Saxon civilization and the American form of Government. On the basis of this it is not inaccurate to say that it is the most remarkable country in the world.

But the products of the country at the south end of the lake are of wider range than sub-tropical. Oranges, mangoes and avocados are grown; but if practical-minded persons are interested in things more commonplace, they can with assurance plant vegetables of all kinds in mid-winter, with no more likelihood of injury to the fields by freaks of nature than is inevitable to farm operations anywhere. Truck farming has enticed the residents because of the high prices at which vegetables sell, but if a land owner is disposed to go into general farming instead of specialized branches of agriculture, conditions are favorable to it.

Did the reader of these lines ever suffer with rheumatism? It is not an ailment that is often encountered in the Lake Okeechobee region, but residents who live in the north remember its attacks. Here they recover. A man who wants to do the kind of farming he did in Wisconsin or Ohio, but who wants to "get south" because of rheumatism or other ailment, can come to the south end of Lake Okeechobee and get just what he wants if these two matters.

Men and women in the professions who must retire from active life but who desire small amounts of occupation and entertainment find in the country at the south end of Lake Okeechobee the precise conditions that meet their desires. A few acres of land make a home with flowers and shrubs and trees and a garden patch from which revenue can be derived.

When the makers of the pictures that are shown in the "movies" talk of "the great open spaces where men are men" they do not talk "bunk"; they talk a language that is understood the wide world over. To want to get away from the crowds and to have room for the children to play and to look upon green fields is a natural human desire and deserving of being satisfied.

There is "somewhere to go" and "something to do" in the country at the south end of Lake Okeechobee, for the people who live at Bay and Belle Glade and Chosen. The radio and the phonograph afford entertainment, but there is more than that. Now, consider—we are talking of facts: There is the great lake, equal in size to any respect to an ocean, for you cannot see across it; it indeed is "somewhere to go," and to sail in it and swim in it and fish in it and hunt ducks on it is indeed "something to do." These towns are only an hour and a half from Palm Beach—and that is "some place to go." The Atlantic ocean is only an hour and a half from

the south end of Lake Okeechobee. In the other direction is the Gulf of Mexico, less than a hundred miles away. There is community life and neighborliness in the towns of this region. The country is new and in the pioneering stage; it lacks some of the conveniences that are afforded by the cities. But have you, dear reader, any initiative?—have you any desire to become a part of a growing community where you can be a factor in creating? Then the present conditions will not deter you from coming here.

There is ample supply of water for domestic uses, and the many devices for pumping water put it in the power of every farmer to have running water in his home. Home lighting plants can be bought and installed to provide electric service for lights and power. These are being made use of until the population is large enough to bring about the extension of water mains and power lines. The real trophies further south, enticing and entrancing as it is has not these things.

## WOMAN FROM CITY FINDS HAPPINESS IN EVERGLADES

Elizabeth Hess Successful In Conduct of Hotel and Farm Operations

Belle Glade, as yet a comparatively new settlement in the heart of one of the richest of all the upper Everglades, trucking sections, is fortunate in having interested Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hess, Mrs. Hess, originally from Chicago, became interested in Florida and in the state's prospects some years ago, settling first at Miami where she even now has a home and where she indicated herself for a time with various lines of commercial pursuits.

With the study of Florida came the knowledge and the con-



In Bean Field One Mile West of Belle Glade, Dec. 1, 1926

vinction, that Florida's ultimate and greatest success must come from the development of agricultural resources. After studying the agricultural possibilities and visiting various localities she decided on the Belle Glade section of the upper Everglades as the ideal location. She required control of several farm properties with the intention of locating families on them, the new residents to produce wealth from the soil, further develop the lands and become permanent fixtures in the life of the town. In this, even at the present early stage, she has admirably succeeded.

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## HIGH PRODUCING COW ON BADGER FARM PROVES BELLE GLADE GOOD DAIRY COUNTRY



The Belle Glade country is particularly well adapted to dairying and more and more are realizing this and starting dairy herds. The above cow at present produces an average of thirty-four quarts per day. Mr. Badger has farmed here for the past ten years and has made a pronounced success. He has thirty-two acres planted to truck at Belle Glade. He also serves as Belle Glade's postmaster and was one of the first to start a store here.

## "I'm Not a Farmer, But..."

Editor Has Seen What He Has Seen and Knows What He Knows and Insists That Everglades Is Best Farming Country in the World.

Is an opinion about farming with the West Tennessee Leader at Humboldt, Tenn., starting in 1889 as "roller boy" on a Washington hand press. I had gone to Humboldt from Charleston, Mo., Charleston being in Mississippi county, a watermelon district. Humboldt is in Gibson county, Tennessee, and was and is a strawberry and tomato country. With Charles W. Hooks, who still lives in Humboldt, I started The Southern Horticulturalist; I think we had an idea that a tomato was a horticultural product. So far as we knew so was a watermelon. And by the way, out at La Junta, Colo., where watermelons were grown on a large scale, a man named Wilson issued a daily newspaper under the title "The Daily Watermelon. It has suspended publication. I think someone played it."

Every trade or business has its technical phrases or slang. In the printing business a poor or careless workman is called a "blacksmith," meaning that he is thoughtless and careless and handles the printing material as if it was iron instead of handling it carefully and tenderly. An employing printer once advertised for a printer and put into his advertisement the words, "No blacksmith need apply." A blacksmith—a real blacksmith, not a blacksmith printer—read the advertisement and said, "I'm not a farmer, but..."

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went through the producing region, and I recall that in one whole day of traveling in the Louisiana sugar district I did not see a white person—all were negro laborers; there wasn't a newspaper office in a wide area because most of the population could not read. The use of machines replacing hand and mule labor will make a different condition in the Everglades.

The first observation of irrigation was made at Greeley, Colo., then famous as a potato growing section; alfalfa was also grown there, under irrigation. At Eaton, Colo., I was editor of The Herald. This was back in the 1895, when the first silver campaign was under way. In Utah I saw irrigation as applied to groves—orchards they were called—and later I saw air forms of irrigation in California.

I got back to Charleston, Mo., about the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American war; yes, that is about right, for I recall that I had leased The Scott County Newshy, a weekly newspaper at Benton, Mo., and was running it at that "dewey morn" when Admiral Dewey gave the command at Manila, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley." Scott county adjoined Mississippi county; in Scott county, too, watermelon was an important crop, and potatoes.

Twice after that I visited California and other parts of the west, a moving newspaper man, and usually editing country papers—talking to the farmers about their crops when they came into the county seat Saturdays and going out into the country to see what they were doing and returning to the office that night to write reports of what I saw and was told.

It would make too much of a biography to go into more detail; the point I am striving to make is that I have seen a good deal of farming in the United States. I want to make that point in order to make an application of it, and the application of the point is that I think the Everglades is the greatest farming country in the world. Farming in the Everglades has its ups and downs, to be sure, but no one who plows the "downs" as are encountered it has, everything else beaten. In Western Pennsylvania I have seen crops of corn because winter set too soon; I have seen hail storms level grain fields in Minnesota and hot winds burn up corn in Kansas and Oklahoma.

I'm not a farmer but I've seen about all that is to be seen of farmers' hard luck and I repeat that the Everglades is the greatest farming country in the world, for there are less hardships here and more money for less work than anywhere else. I will grant all that anybody can say about handicaps to farming in the Everglades and offset that with the greater handicaps everywhere else. Say that the flies and mosquitoes are bad here sometimes—I'll grant it and answer that barns can be screened and that the animals will be kept in barns a shorter time than in the north, where there are long winters Go down the line, make every objection you can think of and there will be facts that will show this to be the best farming country.

There aren't any real hardships to farming in Florida. The truth of the matter is that the worst part of farming is the doing of the chores, and the best thing about the chores is that they have to be done in bad weather. But in Florida we don't have any bad weather, so that does away with the worst thing in farm life.

## STILL A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY IN REAL ESTATE

No "Collapse of Real Estate Boom" So Far As Upper Glades Is Concerned

VALUES REASONABLE AND ARE DUE TO INCREASE

Large Population Certain To Follow Completion of Highway, Railroad

There was no "collapse of a real estate boom," so far as the upper Everglades was concerned and there is no chance to make money buying and selling acreage and lots than there was two years ago. This statement is literally true. Two years real estate prices in many parts of Florida went higher than was warranted, and it was a case of "what went up had to come down" because there was nothing to hold the prices up. Every reflecting person can see that as prices did not go up at the south end of Lake Okeechobee, that made a different condition.

Prices of town lots and farm tracts are low in all of the communities at the south end of the lake. Take the town lots. They are in real towns—established communities, not subdivisions of land away from towns. They are peopled by families that intend to stay there the year round, by people who make their living there. In a good many other places the lots are owned by people who spend only a part of their time there; these Everglades lots are owned by people who live right here and do not intend to ever live anywhere else. This is a substantial thing that gives value and maintains it.

The farm tracts are worth real money because they produce real money, and in this they are different from tracts of land that the owner expects to cut into lots and sell to people who never intend to live there.

There will be a large population at the south end of the lake in a few years. The population is not large now, but there is population, and that makes better values than at places where lots are laid out but there is no population at all.

A city as large as Orlando or St. Petersburg will grow at the south end of Lake Okeechobee in a few years. The men and women who buy here now will make as much money as was ever made out of real estate anywhere in Florida. This isn't a foolish thought. The facts support it. But aside from that, with the climate is superior to that of the larger part of the state; put aside the fact that the soil is of superior fertility—those facts can be put aside and the fact remains that the climate and soil are equal to the climate and soil of localities elsewhere, where cities prosper. Growth is always produced by the providing of transportation facilities; this region has lacked that, but it is to have it, and it will make this region grow.

A main line railroad is building into the country at the south end of the lake. That is important. A cross-state highway is being built into the country at the south end of the lake—from Palm Beach to Fort Myers. A road comes down from Okeechobee on the east

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## EVERGLADES DRAINAGE CONTROL— WAR DEPARTMENT VERSUS FLORIDA

From The Florida Engineer and Contractor.

By Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert A. Youngberg, U. S. A., Retired, Consulting Engineer; formerly U. S. District Engineer for the Peninsula of Florida.

Recent events have focused attention on the recurring Everglades drainage problem. In some quarters the State authorities have been held responsible for the disasters incident to the tropical hurricane of September last. In others, the Federal authorities have been held at fault. Some have held that the dual control exercised by the State and the War Department is a condition of unavoidable conflict. Some have accused the War Department of unwarranted arbitrary, "harbored" interference in State affairs under the pretext of maintaining the navigable capacity of Lake Okechobee and its tributaries. Some have advocated divesting the State of all control and others again wish the War Department entirely eliminated from the situation.

While many feel called upon to express themselves on the subject, few have chosen to inform themselves on all phases thereof. People generally seem to be ignorant of the exact nature and extent of the jurisdiction exercised by the War Department and advocate measures which at this time cannot be adopted. They argue that because the United States as such is engaged in irrigating certain lands or protecting others from overflow, it may enter upon the drainage of the Everglades. In view of the confusion of ideas, the legal aspects of the case warrant some discussion.

The various agencies of the Federal Government are obviously governed by the laws of Congress, and these, in turn, must conform to the Constitution of the United States. The latter instrument is one of delegated powers and reserves to the several States all rights, duties and responsibilities not expressly delegated to the Federal Government. To illustrate, the Constitution authorizes Congress to establish postoffices and post-roads but it makes no provision for draining swamp or overflowed lands. The United States can therefore extend Federal aid in the construction of roads in the several states but apparently cannot assist those states in drainage operations. However, as a proprietor, it can, of course, improve its own properties. Hence, in those parts of the United States where the Federal Government is engaged in irrigation or drainage operations the work is limited to lands owned by the United States; that is, the so-called "public lands." The rights of the United States to improve these lands by irriga-

tion and reclamation works are entirely similar to the rights vested in private individuals or corporations to improve lands to which the latter hold title. Excluding a few small plots such as military and lighthouse reservations, postoffice sites, forest reserves and possibly some upland, the United States owns practically no land in the state of Florida. The lands embraced in the Everglades region in particular were conveyed to the state of Florida by laws passed by Congress in the '40s or '50s of the last century and, although the lands were not generally patented to the state until 1904 or thereabouts, the State authorities did, in the early '80s exercise certain jurisdiction in connection with the drainage of the Everglades. At that time a concession or grant was made to one Hamilton Diston to construct a drainage ditch connect-

ing Lake Okechobee with the upper reaches of the Caloosahatchee river in the vicinity of LaBelle. Hence, not being an owner, the United States cannot now undertake to drain the Everglades and, as stated, there is no law or provision in the Constitution under which the United States may undertake such operations.

Although the Federal Constitution makes no provision for drainage it does contain a clause, generally known as the Interstate Commerce Clause, which reads as follows: "The Congress shall have power \* \* \* to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes." (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Clause 3.) This is the clause under which the Interstate Commerce Commission functions and from it the War Department derives its jurisdiction in respect of the protection and preservation of the navigable waters of the United States. From it depends, also, those laws which permit the Federal Government to undertake operations looking to flood control and, presumably, the Congress could, in its discretion, undertake works designed to protect the shores of Lake Okechobee against floods. It

could doubtless undertake the creation of flood control works for the protection of the Caloosahatchee valley. It has, indeed, authorized a special study of this last question and a preliminary report on flood control in the Caloosahatchee valley will

soon be before Congress.

However, neither navigation nor flood control is synonymous with drainage. The two former may possibly be accomplished by Federal agencies without any material improvement in drainage conditions.

In view of the constitutional limitations placed upon Congress, it is futile to look to the United States to undertake the drainage of the Everglades. This, if it is to be done at all, must be done by the Everglades Drainage District either in its present

form or as it may be extended and reorganized. Possibly the state of Florida, as such, should undertake the work which, undoubtedly, would result in a benefit to the entire state.

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# Facts and Farming Farmers Bank and Trust Company

West Palm Beach, Florida

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$1,152,113.72

DEPOSITS, JUNE 30, 1926 ..... \$14,588,383.49

DEPOSITS JUNE 30, 1925 ..... 11,277,888.39

INCREASE IN ONE YEAR ..... \$ 3,310,495.10

Of more than 300 Banks in Florida only seven are larger, none stronger.

Our stock is selling higher than that of any other bank in  
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We show the largest percentage of surplus and undivided profits to capital of any bank in the state.

We perform more sorts of service than any other bank in the world.

### FARM OPERATED BY US

#### UNDER WILL AS EXECUTOR FOR PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS

1923—On 130 acres, net profit ..... \$19,856.35  
Or net of \$152.75 per acre.

1924—On 180 acres, net profit ..... \$51,962.80  
Or net of \$288.12 per acre.

THIS YEAR WE SET UP WORKING  
CAPITAL OF \$25,000.00

1925—Loss on 230 acres ..... \$3,158.80  
Caused by adverse weather and market conditions.

But we have a fixed overhead of \$15,000 per annum to be paid out of the general estate if not made on the farm.

1926—On 260 acres, net profit ..... \$64,432.17  
Or a net of \$247.81 per acre.  
This year we added an additional \$10,000 to working capital.

For the period of FOUR years the average acreage is 200 and the NET profit is \$153.45 per acre.

We believe we are the only farm in the world of 230 acres with a set-up working capital of \$30,000.00.

#### THIRTEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY CROPS AVERAGE OVER \$400 PER ACRE

Of the 18 principal field crops produced in Palm Beach County, 13 yielded an average value of over \$400 per acre.

These 13, in the order of their yield, were:

Celery, \$750; Green Beans, \$600; Lima Beans, \$500; Japanese Cane, \$400; Peanuts, \$400; Tomatoes, \$400; English Peas, \$400; Egg Plant, \$400; Onions, \$300; Peppers, \$400; Cabbage, \$300; Irish Potatoes, \$200, and Watermelons, \$200.

The crops falling below \$200 per acre in value were:

Lettuce, \$171; Field Peas, \$130; Sugar Cane Syrup, \$97.

And here is a surprise for the great wheat growing states of the Northwest: Three acres sown to wheat in Palm Beach county in the latter part of the fall of 1921 threshed out the following spring 60 bushels of weighed grain which sold for \$180.

With a population as dense as European countries, Florida could support a population of FORTY MILLION PEOPLE.

The 2,500,000 acres of land under cultivation at present yield \$90,000,000 annually.

Florida produces 250 different sorts of crops, fruits, nuts and vegetables, and shipments outside the State average one car every five minutes day and night the year round.

Florida State Road Department has signed road contracts entailing an expenditure of \$18,000,000.

FLORIDA has in her treasury \$18,000,000 and not one dollar of indebtedness. THE ONLY STATE WITH NO BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

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and we want you as one of our  
Customers

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BADGER'S STORE WELCOMES YOU

**SMITH & FRIEDMAN**  
General Merchandise

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The Greatest Truck Farming Country  
In the World

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## HESS REAL ESTATE

Offices in Lobby of Belle Glade Hotel

## EVERGLADES AND WAR DEPARTMENT

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For a better understanding of the situation as it now exists, it may be worth while to review in greater detail certain circumstances connected with the control exercised by the War Department. As already stated, that jurisdiction grows out of the Interstate Commerce Clause of the Constitution. It applies only to navigable waters of the United States. The Federal Courts have in a number of instances defined such waters substantially as follows: "A river is navigable in law when it is navigable in fact, and it is navigable in fact when it is used, or is susceptible of being used in its ordinary condition as a highway for commerce over which trade and travel may be conducted in the customary modes of trade and travel on water."

"A river, or other waterway, that lies wholly within the limits of a State, and has no navigable connection with any navigable waters outside the boundaries of the State is a navigable water of the State, subject to regulation and control by State laws and does not come within the jurisdiction of Congress, nor of the laws enacted by Congress for the preservation and protection of navigable waters of the United States."

"A river, or other waterway, constitutes a navigable water of the United States, within the meaning of the aforesaid acts of Congress, when it forms, by itself or uniting with other waters, a continuous highway over which trade and travel is or may be conducted between the States themselves, or between the states and foreign countries." (The Daniel Ball Case-10 Wallace, 557.)

The true test of the navigability of a stream does not depend upon the manner of use by which commerce is or may be conducted, nor upon the difficulties attending navigation.

"The capability of use by the public for purposes of transportation and commerce affords the true criterion of the navigability of a river, rather than the extent and manner of that use. If it be capable in its natural state of being used for purposes of commerce, no matter in what mode the commerce may be conducted, whether in vessels propelled by steam, wind, oars, or poles, the stream is navigable and becomes in law a public highway." (The Montello Case-20 Wallace, 430.)

The jurisdiction of the United States extends to Lake Okechobee, the Kissimmee river, and other streams tributary to the Lake by virtue of the fact that in the primal condition of the Everglades the Lake and the Caloosahatchee river in the vicinity of LaBelle, were connected by water. This connection was exceedingly devious and much obstructed by vegetation, but the Judge Advocate General of the Army on one or two occasions has adduced evidence that the waterway was in fact navigated by the Indians in their "dugout" canoes. The State authorities have sometimes disputed the validity of this evidence, but have never gone into court in an attempt to get a judicial determination of the law and the facts. Just here the following quotation seems to be particularly apposite: "It is not to be understood however, that every ditch or inlet in which the tide ebbs and flows, nor every small creek in which a fishing skiff or gunning canoe can be made to float at high water is a navigable highway but to give it the character of a navigable stream it must be generally and commonly useful to some purpose of trade or agriculture." (21 Wherrying, 544 and The Montello Case-20 Wallace, 430.)

And yet it should be decided that the waterways connecting Lake Okechobee with the upper Kissimmee river was in fact incapable in its natural state of being used for purposes of commerce, the War Department would still have a certain jurisdiction over Lake Okechobee, for the lowering of the lake would be prohibited by Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1889. Among other things this section declares that "It shall not be lawful to alter or modify the condition or capacity of any lake." It has never denied that Lake Okechobee with its drainage area was, and still is, the source of a large part of the flow in the Caloosahatchee river and it cannot be doubted that the lowering of the lake level would substantially affect the navigable capacity of that stream. The courts have held that "anything wherever done or however done, within the limits of the jurisdiction of the United States which tend to destroy the navigable capacity of one of the navigable waters of the United States is within the terms of the prohibition."

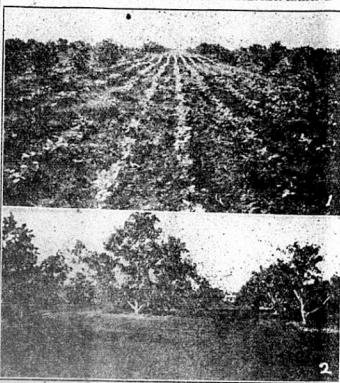
Moreover the State authorities have accepted several successive permits issued by the War Department and have thus virtually assented to the jurisdiction exercised by the latter. (See foot-note.) It is, nevertheless, possible that Congress may be prevailed upon to declare the waterway between Lake Okechobee and the lower Caloosahatchee river a non-navigable stream of the United States. I recall one instance in which Congress did pass such an act. Such legislation would, however, destroy in a legal sense, the waterway which connects Lake Okechobee with the Kissimmee river and other tributaries of the Lake. They would become navigable waters of the State and Congress would be debarred from making further appropriations for their improvement.

It may be contended that there is no point in preserving the navigable capacity of Lake Okechobee and its tributaries if such preservation will result in maintaining the Everglades region as a wilderness. With the exception of the fishing industry, there can be no commerce and therefore no necessity for navigation until the territory is drained and put into a productive state. The value of the region from an agricultural standpoint may be such as to justify the State in requesting Congress to divest itself of its jurisdiction over the waters of the Everglades territory. The point is well worthy of consideration.

That the necessities of the drainage situation have received careful consideration by the War Department is evidenced by the permit most recently issued to the Everglades Drainage District. The permit in question is based on a draft prepared by myself after an exhaustive public hearing conducted in Moore Haven in February, 1923. That hearing was attended by representatives of all interests who expressed their views in detail. The instrument grants a privilege, it does not convey an order. It is permissive but not coercive.

The authorities the Everglades Drainage Commission to interfere with the natural regimen of the Lake and to impair its navigable capacity. Under certain conditions it authorizes the State to lower the Lake to very low levels. Condition No. 13 of the instrument reads as follows: "That, while elevation 15 feet above mean low water at Punta Rosa, Gulf of Mexico, is authorized as a standard lake-full elevation of the surface of the Lake, the said District Engineer may require the closing of any or all controlling works when the Lake level is still above elevation 15, if, in his opinion, such action is necessary for the conservation of navigation interests; and the permittee shall not, without the specific prior approval of the said District Engineer, knowingly or intentionally permit the elevation of Lake Okechobee to fall below said elevation 15, provided that upon application to said District Engineer, the latter may in his discretion authorize the permittee to lower the water surface in Lake Okechobee to a level below said elevation 15, whenever, in the opinion of said District Engineer, such lowering may be necessary or advisable in order to provide additional reservoir capacity or to reduce injury to agricultural or other non-navigational interests influenced by the level of the water."

## SCENES AFTER THE STORM ON KRAEMER ISLAND



Upper—Bean Field. Lower—Avocado Grove.

"An earthly paradise" is the term with which the Turner & Gump property on Kraemer Island is frequently described. Kraemer is one of the four inhabited islands in Lake Okechobee. A portion of Kraemer Island is bulkheaded on the lake side and the interior is diked

and equipped with ditches and a pumping plant, an arrangement that gives perfect control of water and suggests what can be done at many points on the mainland. In consequence of the protective features the island was little hurt by the hurricane in September—how little it was side and the interior is diked

in Lake Okechobee, and will not cause unreasonable interference with navigation. For the administration of this permit the gauge established and maintained by the United States Engineer Department at Moore Haven, Florida, shall govern in the measurement of the Lake level.

Now, it is by no means certain that the minimum requirements of the War Department be complied with. The State authorities, with the best of intentions, are not yet beginning to lower the water table underlying the surface of the agricultural areas so that the latter will experience all the evils of a drought. Many who are now complaining that the State authorities are keeping the water in Lake Okechobee at too high a level were complaining ten or twelve years ago that the same authorities were keeping it at too low a level.

The truth of the matter is that the drainage control works have not yet been brought to a point where they can discharge the cumulative "run-off" in a cycle of wet years, such as we have had beginning with 1922. Furthermore, whatever may eventually be possible in preventing extreme high waters, the State will never be able to prevent the Lake sinking to low levels after a cycle of dry years. In a dry cycle, evaporation will exceed inflow and the State will be powerless to prevent it.

The Everglades question is therefore not one of flood control only. It involves irrigation as well as drainage and those who have it under consideration must take a long view of the situation and not base their conclusions merely on impressions growing out of the recent conditions, whether these relate to too much or too little water in Lake Okechobee.

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tract tourists in great numbers, those tourists will drive out into the country; they will come in the winter when the fields at the south end of the lake are green and the produce is being picked and marketed. The visitors will be enraptured by what they see—they will see the merit of the country as a business proposition and they will be prospective buyers of property. There will always be a ready market for real estate in a producing region such as this is. That is another reason why real estate here is a good buy right now.

## A. S. WHEELER FARM

An example of what can be done with Everglades farming may be found in a visit to the A. S. Wheeler farm at Belle Glade, which is a wonderful sight at this time of the year. Growing crops everywhere. Mr. Wheeler, originally from Chicago, bought land here as early as ten years ago. Where his land was valued at that time at \$90 an acre, he values it now at \$1,500 an acre. He has fifty acres planted to beans, peas, tomatoes and peppers. His last crops of beans produced an average of 150 bushels to the acre and brought an average price of \$2.50 per bushel net.

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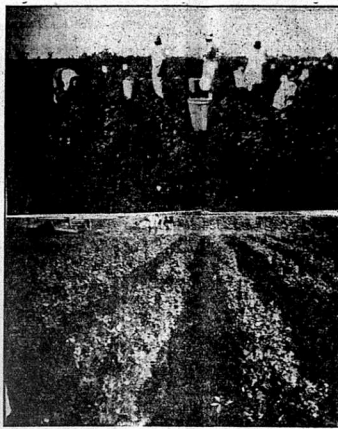
**Money and Good Living  
From Ducks and Fish**

"Game, ducks and quail, and fish have been plentiful, and many Moore Haven citizens have been feasting upon these things during the past two weeks," the Glades County Democrat reports, adding: "The

catches of fish have been remarkable. O. C. Bonbow and J. Ed. Frierson caught as high as 240 pounds of bass on a hook and line with live bait in a single day. These were sold at good prices to C. C. Gantt who shipped them.

"C. C. Gantt has been shipping considerable quantities of fish for more than a week now.

PICTURES TAKEN DECEMBER 2, 1926



Upper—Picking beans on the Stephens Farm at Chosen. Lower—Field of English Peas on Wheeler Farm.

**HART FARMS**

Hart Farms consists of about one thousand acres on the southeast side of Lake Okeechobee. The main farm of three hundred acres, on the lake shore just south of the Hillsboro sand, is operated by H. H. Hart and his son M. W. Hart and several families of share croppers.

One cropper who came on the place in September of last year sold over \$1,000 worth of string beans before he had been on the place over ninety days.

While nearly all varieties of vegetables and flowers have been tried out on the place and most of them with remarkable success, the commercial crops are mostly confined to peas, beans, peppers, egg plant, potatoes, lima beans, carrots, turnips, beets, lettuce, onions, cucumbers, sweet corn, cabbage and tomatoes.

All farm crops that can be raised anywhere in the United States can be raised here to best advantage except wheat, oats, barley, rye and cotton. The soil is too rich for these crops. Why grow them anyway? They can be raised elsewhere.

Hart Farms confines its winter crops to such as are luxuries in the north in the winter. Two thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven dollars' worth of crops were raised from one picking of three acres of string beans last winter.

Between four and five hundred thousand beautiful carrots were raised to the acre on this farm last winter and many tons of them were given away on the streets of Miami as an advertisement for Everglades land.

The six tractors on the farm are run almost continuously and very little work is done by hand except in harvesting. The ground is fitted and planted and crops cultivated, sprayed and dusted all by machinery. Even the tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and cabbage are set by a tractor-drawn machine.

During the past sixty days H. H. Hart and M. W. Hart, together with one family of share croppers and one hired man part time, have prepared the ground, planted and brought nearly to maturity two hundred acres of the finest truck crops that can be found anywhere. (This is written on December 7.)

**C. L. WILDER DRUG STORE AT  
PAHOKEE SERVES WIDE AREA**

While still comparatively new and yet sparsely settled, the Everglades region boasts of numerous up-to-date mercantile establishments, including every branch of retail mercantile lines. Among the leaders? and one that is particularly well known and widely patronized is what is known as the Wilder Drug Company of Pahokee, formerly the Spooner drug store. This being the only drug store within a radius of many miles, it follows that it caters to a big area and a big trade. Here is well stocked modern up-to-date pharmacy of which any city might be proud. All lines of drugs, sundries, stationery, novelties, school supplies, etc., are in evidence at prices that compare well with any of like business in the only largest centers. In ad-

**WOMAN FROM CITY  
FINDS HAPPINESS  
IN EVERGLADES**

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ceeded and during her stay has ever taken a keen interest in everything pertaining to agricultural development as well as the community life of Belle Glade. One of her first acts was the leasing of the Belle Glade Hotel, a land mark and always known as the headquarters for sportsmen. She remodeled and renovated the hotel giving it the conveniences accorded the guests in larger towns and at the same time maintaining a real home-like old fashioned atmosphere which is appreciated by the many guests who have occasion to be the guests of the hotel. Under her management the hotel has prospered as never before and is one of the best advertisements that Belle Glade has. Among the tourists, traveling men, sportsmen, etc., this hostelry is fast gaining popularity.

Her dining room is her especial pride. Her aim is to serve the very best that the market affords, prepared in the correct way by a real culinary artist. Mrs. Lucy Cornish, who supervises the kitchen and dining room, is originally from New York, where she has had many years of experience catering to the trade in the shape of exclusive hotel and tax-room service. As active overseer and manager of the hotel Mrs. Hess has engaged the services of another most estimable woman and a most able manager, Miss Sara Carr. Miss Carr is to be found on the job most anytime looking after the comfort of the guests.

Mrs. Hess left for her Christmas vacation in Chicago, her mother's home, about a week ago, and with her she carries personal knowledge of this wonderful farming country. She has visited people and she has gained first hand knowledge of the profit to be made from these soils. To use her own words, "I am 'sold on the country,' and I mean to sell the idea to others, showing others down into this natural paradise that Providence has seen fit to bestow on us for our work and our pleasure, and I mean to help create at Belle Glade a city worthy of the name."

To construct, create, to build better, stronger and on a better foundation is her hobby and her life work. Mrs. Hess is also interested in other real estate work but today has confined her operations exclusively to the handling of farm lands.

In addition there is the cigar and tobacco counter and an up to the minute soda fountain for the convenience of the patrons.

The business is owned and operated by C. L. Wilder, business man and farmer, who has lived here for the past seven years and counts among his personal friends every man, woman and child in the district.

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## GLADES WILL SEND BIG TONNAGE THOUGH HARBORS ON EAST COAST

Founder of Canal Point Sugar Mill Confident  
Great Industry Will Be Established When  
Drainage Is Perfected.

By Edwin A. Meuninger  
All of the east coast critics, and particularly Stuart, are interested in and affected by the outcome of this week's drainage conference discussions in West Palm Beach," said F. E. Bryant of Lake Worth to me the other night. "We all have much at stake and it is for each one of us interested in the development of the east coast to give all phases of the problem serious consideration."

Mr. Bryant is a pioneer in the development of the Everglades. He was the senior partner in the firm of Bryant & Greenwood of Chicago which 20 years ago built up one of the greatest real estate selling organizations the world has ever known. His firm sold thousands and thousands of acres of Everglades land. Drainage did not make as much progress in succeeding years as had been expected, and many buyers were disappointed and angry. But Mr. Bryant was not discouraged. He stayed with the project, organized and built the sugar mill at Canal Point, planted thousands of acres to sugar cane, saw it wiped out again and again by fire and flood, but kept on. He foresaw 20 years ago the agricultural possibilities of that region and through the decades has continued to work for the drainage of the Everglades for development worth millions of dollars of northern capital into the Everglades for development work and has been getting in his efforts.

"A lot of persons came to this conference," said Mr. Bryant, "with the intention of throwing the I. I. Board out of the picture because it has failed to complete the process of draining the Everglades. Such a thought was foolish and ill considered. I grant you that the I. I. Board has fallen far short of its possibilities and that it has failed. But I am not convinced that anybody else would have succeeded."

"In my opinion, we ought to keep the I. I. Board intact because, composed as it is of state officials, this board in effect gives state support to a local problem. The Everglades drainage district cannot get along without support of the credit of the state of Florida. Some of the I. I. Board and its state officers, the Everglades drainage district would be just another ordinary everyday drainage district. Its bonds would be virtually unsalable. Its bonds in the past have been salable because the highest officials of the state were

legally identified with the management of the affairs of the district. Destroy the I. I. Board and you destroy the credit of the Everglades drainage district and nobody, no group of men, smart or otherwise, could finance the drainage operations."

"I believe that taking some of the power away from the I. I. Board and giving it to experts who are on the ground to supervise the operations would expedite progress and greatly improve the situation."

"Sooner or later, and I hope sooner, we must come to an extension of the Everglades drainage district to include the east coast cypress. This move has been killed several times in the legislature, most recently by the opposition of West Palm Beach and Okeechobee. But any fair-minded man who considers the problem from all its angles must admit that the future prosperity of the coastal region is almost wholly dependent upon the development of the farming possibilities of the Everglades and that therefore it is the best interests of the coastal region to push the drainage operations."

"Take Stuart as an example. You are spending \$125,000 now on a harbor. Yet what will that investment be worth to you if you fail to develop the back country, viz., the Everglades which are directly tributary to that harbor. You can do a limited amount of farming on the land lands of Martin county, but three or four ships could take your entire output and you would have no commerce. What Stuart needs to assure commercial development as a port is an unlimited productivity in the back country—products, canned goods, etc. These will come with the development of the Everglades."

"At the sugar mill at Canal Point and at Clewiston, protection has been given to thousands of acres by dikes. Sugar cane is being grown there in increasing quantities. Our primary output will be Crotex. The by-product will be granulated sugar. What better transportation could we want that by barge through the St. Lucie canal to Stuart where our products will fill the ships in Stuart's harbor? The Celotex Company will prove to be one of Stuart's biggest shippers. Yet the development of our Crotex and sugar industries is dependent in large measure

are on the completion of the Everglades drainage operations."

"The object in including the coastal area is not to raise money by taxation. What the Everglades drainage district needs, in order to sell its bonds to better advantage and in order to sell more bonds, is a larger assessed value. It is not feasible or practicable to increase the assessed valuation of the Everglades drainage district as it stands. The increase cannot be made arbitrarily. We must take in more territory, particularly the highly valued east coastal area, in order to give the Everglades drainage district a more substantial credit rating."

"In effect, the east coast would be lending its credit to the Everglades drainage district. The amount of taxes it would pay would be negligible. I own as much property along the coast as I do in the Everglades and hence I think I am fair about it. The thought has never been to tax the coastal region to drain the Glades. We are all agreed on that. The land is directly benefited, i. e., the lands in the present limits of the district have borne the burden of taxation for the maintenance of operations. But the lands which benefit indirectly, i. e., the coastal area, should lend their credit to have the operations."

"Miami is ready to come into the district because the people there realize that their future support and prosperity depends directly on development of the Glades. They realize that more bonds must be sold and the operations expedited. They are ready to lend their credit, in the form of assessed valuation, to permit the drainage work to go on. Other east coast cities are gradually falling into line."

"In my opinion, the St. Lucie canal is the key to the drainage problem and right there is where most of the money should be spent in controlling the lake level. It is foolish to waste money on the Miami canal. The St. Lucie canal all, it carries more water than all the others put together, and it is the shortest and therefore the swiftest flowing. Because this canal lies entirely in Martin county and it is the key to the Everglades drainage problem, the people of that county and of Stuart particularly should be intimately informed on the subject and should take an active interest in expediting the drainage work."

"You have shown a good deal of interest in Martin county recently in the cross-country waterway project. This is natural and I am strongly in favor of the development of the Stuart-Fort Meyers route on a large scale. But hand in hand with your navigation problem is the drainage problem. State-wide attention is focused just now on the drainage angle. But with drainage will come commerce and navigation,

and the two are so closely interrelated that they are of similar importance to the people of Stuart.  
"What we must have in the Everglades now is drainage and water control. Give us that and we will give you commerce. The port of Stuart will develop as fast as drainage makes possible the farming of the Everglades on a large scale."

### BLUE-GRAY INN A POPULAR RESORT

A favorite stopping place for local and transient people and one that is especially well and favorably known to the residents of the Everglades country is what is known as the Blue-Gray Inn, on the main highway to West Palm Beach about ten miles to the west of the city. This resort is owned and operated by Mrs. G. L. Williams, a former resident of Canal Point, where she was engaged as manager of the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company hotel for several years.

Mrs. Williams made an enviable reputation for herself for her ability as a congenial hostess and her fame as a culinary artist soon spread so that those from miles adjoining, traveling men and tourists, would anxiously look forward to partaking of her real home cooking.

Mrs. Williams in May of this year sensed the prospects of the highway trade and was not slow to invest in her present property, the neat, artistically arranged and inviting dining room and refreshment resort known as the Blue-Gray Inn.

She makes a particular specialty of chicken and steak dinners which are prepared under personal supervision with a nominal and reasonable charge. If you want to enjoy real cooking and other refreshments, give the Blue-Gray Inn a call when you are driving through.

### NO CROP FAILURES

There has never been a failure of a corn crop in the Ever-

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**WHY?**  
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## Big Potato and Cabbage Crops Put East Beach on the Map

By giving publicity to a big potato crop grown on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee in the winter of 1916-17, Joe L. Earman of West Palm Beach did more than any other man to "open up" East Beach, according to J. R. Poland of Pahokee, and Mr. Poland ought to know, for he was the man who raised the crop, without which there could not have been any newspaper stories. That potato crop attracted widespread attention through articles in the Palm Beach Post, published by a company of which Mr. Earman was president. Mr. Earman is now publisher of the Palm Beach Independent.

The first settlers on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee were fishermen and they gave the name "East Beach" to the localities in which Canal Point and Pahokee have since come in to being. There was no post office on this side of the lake and not enough population to warrant the use of any name except a most general one known as "East Beach." On the north-west shore of the lake is Bare

Beach; another part of the lake, where now is Ritta and Bare Beach, was known as "Little Bare Beach."

One of the fishermen on East Beach was Adam Heynie. In the spring of 1915 he planted half an acre of land to onions and the yield was at the rate of a thousand bushels per acre. This was the first real crop raised in this section of the Everglades. Prior to that there were gardens from which fishermen gathered vegetables that they took to Okechobee for sale to retail stores but trucking had not been engaged in as a commercial proposition. Proving a statement, he had made about the yield of the patch of onions, Mr. Heynie filled a 32-quart hamper of onions without moving from his back, the onions were that thick and large. The onions were grown on the land where Mr. Poland's dwelling house and garage now stand.

The potato crop that put East Beach on the map was grown in the winter of 1916-17, the first planting being on the last day

A PLACE OF BUSINESS AND A DWELLING IN PAHOKEE



Upper-Elliott &amp; Robison Garage.

Residence of C. A. Shive

of November, 1916. The whole amount of land planted to potatoes was twenty acres; there was also a patch of peppers, beans and peas, the garden patch of miscellaneous truck being grown on the land that, is now owned by the Kilgore Seed Company, and where the company has a store. Charles Edwards, now bookkeeper for the Palm Beach Post, was a partner with Mr. Poland in the potato deal. The yield of potatoes on the 20 acres averaged 225 bushels to the acre, a part of the tract going 300 bushels to the acre. Six thousand dollars net was cleared on the potatoes.

The land on which the potatoes were grown belonged at that time to the Southern States Land and Timber Company. Mr. Poland and Mr. Edwards bought 220 acres of the land, which is located in section 8, at \$100 an acre, the purchase being made in the spring of 1917 and the money for the first payment was derived from the sale of the potatoes. As the potatoes had made \$200 an acre and the land cost \$100 an acre, each acre in cultivation paid for three acres of raw land.

In the fall of 1916 E. B. Waldron began clearing land in sections 4 and 9 and in the spring he put in a crop of potatoes which came off in April. His crop also attracted wide attention and was a factor in leading farmers to come in and take up land.

It needs to be said for the information of persons who are not familiar with the geography of East Beach that section 4 is one mile south of West Palm Beach canal, section 8 corners on it on the south and section 9 is east of section 8. Sections 4 and 8 front on Lake Okechobee.

Other early settlers in the Pahokee district were Mr. Riddens and his son-in-law, Dr. L. W. Armstrong, from Los Animas, Col., and Noble Padgett. Dr. Armstrong is a dentist. He and his father-in-law came to East Beach looking for land and liked the looks of the country and put in a crop in the spring of 1917. Noble Padgett, now dead and whose widow carries on the business he established, located on the island east of what is now Pahokee.

W. M. Bacon and a son, who were fishermen, settled on state land on the peninsula south of Pahokee which is known as Bacon Point and put in a crop of cabbage in the winter of 1917-18. Their cabbages and Padgett's cabbages yielded prodigiously and their crops further spread the fame of the

eastern shore of Lake Okechobee. News of the rich soil of the Lake Okechobee country and the immense yields and comparative immunity from frost came to the attention of truckers and vegetable buyers at Sanford, the delivery center. Among those who became interested were B. A. Howard, a trucker, and T. Lane Moore, a produce commission merchant from Philadelphia, and a third man whose name is not recalled.

## REBUILDING PACKING HOUSE

In preparation for the expected big winter vegetable crop the Dependable Packing Company of Pahokee is preparing to rebuild its packing house, which suffered damage during the late storm.

This is a good instance to cite in this issue what local people, who have been here for many years, think of this country and its possibilities. The Dependable Packing Company of Pahokee, the largest local firm of its kind, has been operating here successfully for two years and has been instrumental in getting the best of returns for the growers. In addition the firm is growing beans, peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and kindred products on some fifty odd acres.

The members of the firm are Dr. D. S. Spooner, for many years prominently identified with the life of this section, and C. L. Wilder, farmer and business man of Pahokee for many years. These men know the country and the wants and needs of the people and as a consequence are well qualified to handle all business entrusted to them. They are the builders of the future, and to men of this kind must go the credit for achievements in the past and for the glowing promise of a rich and settled Everglades of the future.

POULTRY ON THE PALM BEACH EVERGLADES FARMS, CO. LAND



## FARMING TAUGHT AS VOCATION

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## IN CONNECTION WITH LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

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By H. L. Speer, Principal

The first school to be opened in the East Beach section of Lake Okechobee was held in a little house just south of Erickson's which was donated for the purpose by G. A. Watkins. The attendance was small, as there were no roads and most of the children lived at more or less isolated fish camps, and were brought to school in boats when the weather was good and naturally when the weather was bad they remained at home.

The school was operated as a one-teacher school in the original building for several terms, and later was held in the building now used by the Baptist congregation just south of the Bass Lumber Company's building.

The school remained a one-teacher school until the 1921-22 term, when two teachers became necessary.

The effect of communication routes with the more developed parts of the state is readily seen in the rapid increase in school population at this point. Connors Highway promised easy access to the east coast and talk of getting the Florida East Coast railroad built to the lake gave added impetus to the settlement of the fertile lands of this section.

In 1922 the citizens of Canal Point realized that better schools were important factors if they wished the country to continue to grow so land was donated by a number of men for the purpose of developing an agricultural vocational school, to be operated under the Smith-Hughes law.

The board of public instruction of Palm Beach county appropriated \$10,000 and a high school building was erected in 1922. Four teachers were required that term to care for the increasing enrollment.

The opening of a Smith-Hughes school for teaching vocational agriculture was not practical then on account of the small number of boys over fourteen years of age who attended school, so this department was not added until the beginning of the 1925-26 term. There were six teachers beside the principal that term and the total enrollment for the year went to 160.

A new building including an agricultural class room and a work shop was erected and a course in general truck crop production was taught.

During the spring term a bath house was built for the use of a class in plant production, as the school expects to emphasize nursery work and plans to make

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## Good Town At Canal's Point on Lake Was Foreseen Early

The Canal Point post office was established in 1917 and that can fairly be taken as the date of the founding of the town, for until that time there were not enough people to constitute even a community. No resident had anything to do with fixing the name for the post office—that seems to have been done by a post office inspector and probably was selected because it was the point or location at which a canal was dug eastward from Lake Okechobee. Actually there is no point or promontory.

G. A. Watkins and L. N. Simon had platted a parcel of their land and designated it as "Nemaha townsite" but for a reason unknown to residents the name Nemaha was not acceptable to the post office officials.

Percy J. Platt, who now lives at Sarasota, was the first postmaster. He had come to the eastern shore of the lake with Thomas W. Jones and was in his employ when Mr. Jones moved a houseboat into the canal and started a restaurant. Tom Jones, originally from Sarasota, was running a restaurant at Okechobee, at the head of the lake, and the information given him about "East Beach" by the commercial fishermen led him to look on this section as a field for business in his line. He got here some time in 1916. As more people came in and business picked up he built a house on the canal bank and transferred his business to it, the old houseboat being used as sleeping quarters.

Mr. Jones' restaurant was not the first business in this section. G. A. Watkins had a store on the lakeshore ridge before that, and J. D. Bryan had a store for a short time in a houseboat moored on the lake front. But Mr. Jones' business was the only one that had a continuous line of succession, for his relatives, "the Thomas girls," Misses Edna and Lily Thomas came from Sarasota in May of 1917 and joined him. When the partnership was dissolved the ladies began in 1918 the erection of the building now known as the Glades Hotel. Their father, Edmund Thomas, took over the grocery store from Mr. Jones in 1920.

"There never was a time when the persons who knew of Canal Point did not think well of it. The canal (West Palm Beach canal) was completed in 1916 (ten years ago); that encouraged the belief there would be a good town. The late Captain Hiram Hammon had come out from West Palm Beach and cleared land and was preparing to farm on a large scale, and W. J. Connors of Buffalo, N. Y., was projecting an immense agricultural development; these circumstances supported the expectation that an important center would be created. The immunity from frost in 1917 when orange trees were frozen at Miami made the country on the eastern shore of the lake appear to have distinct climatic

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### IN FLORIDA

This poem was read recently at a meeting of the Canal Point Woman's Club:

The Everglades sun shines bright,  
Mid dikes and ditches, flowers bloom.  
The tang of the north wind  
Fills the gentle breeze.

As far as eye can see  
Gleaming furrows in parallel lines  
Turn the mellow soil  
To the fragrant air.

The song of the tractor  
Is heard on every hand.  
The polished plow and revolving disk  
Thrill the farmer's heart.

At last, seed time is come:  
Ho! for the fertile soil!  
The refreshing dew;  
And ribbons of vivid green.

The black soil soon is lost to view  
North its mantle of living green.  
Cultivating is easily done.  
Then comes the harvest home.

### GEIGER'S GARAGE

Another example of success achieved in the Everglades country is Geiger's Garage, located on Corner's Highway at Canal Point, a very convenient stop for both local and transient trade. The garage is owned and operated by Z. A. Geiger, an able mechanic who has been following the work for eleven years. The business is confined in the main to general repair work on all makes of cars and there is a service job too large for two competitors. All receive prompt and expert attention. Mr. Geiger started this business in January of 1926. He came from West Palm Beach where he had previously been engaged in like lines. He is a booster for the country and we are glad to commend him to all who may require services of the character he renders.

R. M. BAKER AND THE P. O. NEWS STAND  
This review of those who have weathered the storm of the early years and have been instrumental in building here would indeed be incomplete without mention of R. M. Baker of Canal Point, owner of the Post Office News Stand. While handling newspapers, magazines and periodicals, it is by no means a news stand in the ordinary sense; as its stock also include an array of confectionery, fruits in season, cigars, tobacco, soft drinks, school books, stationery and office supplies, a fine staple drug store. The town not having a complete drug store this latter department supplies a distinct need.

Mr. Baker seeing in prospect the growth of this region, located here three years ago, coming from West Palm Beach, where for six years he was connected with leading mercantile enterprises. He is one of the staunchest boosters for this section, a successful business man and a most worthy citizen, of whom we take sincere pleasure in making honorable mention.

### L. L. KNIGHT, SUCCESSFUL MERCHANT

Foremost among the business men who have made a success in the Everglades and who has weathered the storm of the early days and is a believer in the future of this district is L. L. Knight of Canal Point. Mr. Knight settled in Palm Beach Colony about 17 years ago, coming from Greenville, Georgia, where he was engaged in business. For two years he was in the grocery business at West Palm Beach. Hearing of the opportunities afforded in the Everglades he was not slow to invest at Canal Point. He came here with the idea of buying but soon realized that mercantile lines were destined to prosper also. From a small beginning four years ago he has built up one of the best general stores in this section and numbers among his friends and customers not only the local Canal Point people but also those of many miles adjoining.

Mr. Knight carries a stock of general merchandise, groceries, feeds, fruits, vegetables, wearing apparel for men and women, shoes for the whole family. He attends to the business in person and so through elimination of much overhead expense is enabled to sell the highest grade goods at exceptionally low prices. The Knight store is

having for its object the further progress of this district always has his support. The store in point of stocks carried would do credit to cities of much larger population. Here will be found furniture, hardware, building supplies, paints, oils, etc., farm implements, tools, sporting goods, fishing tackle, planters, seeders, cultivators and other farm and garden necessities. A particular specialty is the Cole planters and Planet Junior seeders and cultivators, which it seems are exceptionally well adapted to the soils here.

well known for its high grade goods and its popular prices.

### V. D. BANGHART MAKES GOOD IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

To meet an optimistic one needs but stop at the Wonder City Gas and Service Station to the west end of Lake Worth, owned and operated by V. D. Banghart, formerly connected with the sales department of the A. H. Wagon organization of West Palm Beach. Mr. Banghart came originally from East Pennsylvanian and has been identified with Florida business life for the past eight years. He is now planning as an addition to the business a dining room in his grove where diners at popular prices are to be served and where the patrons may enjoy music and dancing. His store and service station is fast making friends local and transient people with staple and fancy groceries, lunch goods, soft drinks, tobacco, gas oils, accessories, tires, etc., at the right prices. He features a large stock of tires which includes Goodyear, Firestone and Goodyear, the latter a particular good seller. When passing through don't fail to give Mr. Banghart's station a call.

**TATUM MOTOR COMPANY**  
The Tatum Motor Company of Lake Worth, official Post Office dealers, report good business and the outlook for 1927 exceedingly bright. They have many friends in the Everglades country and have probably placed more cars and tractors here than any other single firm. They are especially well equipped in their Lake Worth headquarters for every service, where they have installed a modern and up to date equipment in their spacious garage and where they maintain offices, sales rooms and warehouse. The Tatum brothers, L. J. Tatum and Ira J. Tatum, came to Lake Worth in 1924. At this time they also invested in Everglades lands two hundred acres of which they still own. An idea of farm progress may be gleaned from the fact that this firm alone has delivered to Everglades farmers as many as forty tractors in a single month.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida  
Notice is hereby given that Harry E. Plotts, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2318, dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with the law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: South one-half lot 14, block 5, amended plat of Freshwater addition to West Palm Beach as in plat book 6, page 29. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of J. M. C. Jenkins. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1927.  
Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of December, A. D. 1926.  
Fred E. Ferno,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.  
First publication, Dec. 17, 1926.  
Last publication, Jan. 21st, 1927.

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MERCHANDISE  
Two Stores  
PAHOKEE  
AND  
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We Feed and Clothe  
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We handle the  
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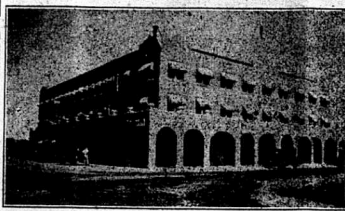
## Baker's Post Office News Stand

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A COMPLETE STOCK OF ALL  
NECESSARY DRUGS

I believe in the future of Canal Point and I firmly believe in the future of all the Everglades region. I hope that I will never be found too busy with other affairs not to give my time and effort to any movement having for its object the further progress and welfare of this region in which I live, where my home and business interests are located and in which I hope to always live. Let us all with one accord always boost for a greater Canal Point and a greater Palm Beach County.



SOUTHLAND HOTEL IN OKEECHOBEE

## BIG TOWN ON LAKE WAS EARLY FORESEEN

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advantages. The boom was supported by the beginning of construction of the Florida Sugar & Food Products Company's sugar mill two miles east of Canal Point.

It now appears that although the possibilities of the country were not over-estimated, there was under-estimate of the time that would be required to perfect the drainage facilities. Construction of the spillway and lock in the canal was under way in 1917 when the Canal Point post office was established but the war delayed completion of St. Lucie canal, so the lake was unable to accommodate all of the water brought to it in 1922 and overflowed. That checked the growth of Canal Point as it checked the growth of all the Lake Okeechobee country but the residents' confidence in the final accomplishment of water control never flagged.

In the Canal Point district as elsewhere on the eastern and southern shores of the lake the prices of farm lands are based on the residents' knowledge of the producing value; on this basis a value of \$400 to \$700 an acre was early established and this has stood as the current price. The tenacity with which the settlers cling to their properties and resist all importunities to sell at prices below those they have fixed as the value is an index to what values will be in the future, now that highways and a railroad have come and made the transportation facilities equal to the facilities of any other trucking section of the country.

Connors Highway was opened to traffic in July of 1924 but its benefits were not fully realized because state road No. 8, with which it connected at Okeechobee, was not completed. State road No. 8 is now in good condition and it and Connors Highway make a short route across the state. The Florida East Coast railroad got close enough to Canal Point in 1925 to begin handling shipments of vegetables. It is not pleasant to refer to the overflows of the lake which occurred in 1924 and 1926 but it is necessary to do so to explain why Canal Point and Pahokee did not grow more when the highway and the railroad got in. Likelihood of damage, even if the lake does not attain a high level, is reduced to a fraction by the existence of the railroad grade along the lake front at Canal Point and the construction of the dike and pump system in Pelican Lake sub drainage district, a district that embraces 6,000 acres including the townsite.

As the columns of advertisements show, Canal Point has now advanced to a point where it is a real town, although it is not yet incorporated. In its possession of a trucking soil of exceptional merit it is not particularly different from Pahokee, Chosen, Belle Glade, South Bay, Ritta and other points on the eastern and southern shores of the lake. The peculiar distinction of Canal Point is that its territory is the site of the plantation and sugar mill of the Florida Sugar & Food Products Company. As the farmers and retail business men have been firm in belief that all obstacles will be overcome, so have the stockholders in the sugar company stood staunch and persevered. Disasters that are inevitable to a pioneer industry in a new country have

been overcome and there has been accumulated a fund of experience that is a rich asset, for the experiences teach the means of avoiding trouble in the future. It is probably true that the trucking industry and the sugar industry are a better foundation because of the experiences, for whatever threats in the future there will be skill with which to evade it.

For three years The Everglades News has printed weekly the daily readings of thermometers and rain gauges at stations under government supervision. These weather reports have dispelled some early fictions about the climate of the Everglades. It is established as a fact that the climate of Everglades is more than good—that it is excellent; the days are not as hot in summer as on the east coast and the nights are cooler. The rainfall is no more or less than the average for all South Florida.

Canal Point is a ready-money town. Business slows down in the summer, for that is the season when the residents take their vacations, but there is always something doing. The tomato shipping season ends in June but summer farming starts at once. Preparations for the fall crop start in September; that is also the date of the opening of the commercial fishing season. With the opening of the duck hunting season the number of visitors to the lake increases. By March the bean shipping season is at its peak, and this merges into the season of marketing tomatoes. Along with these crops are sweet corn and field corn, okra (a profitable crop in the summer), potatoes, peppers and eggplants. Shipment of tomatoes from the lower east coast ceases in March and that opens the markets to fruit from the lake region. April and May are the months in which tomatoes do best, and as the marketing continues into June, the ready-money period is lengthened.

## FARMING TAUGHT AS VOCATION

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an effort to furnish ornamental plants for the beautification of our roads, canal banks and a public park besides doing considerable work along this line at the school.

In the summer of 1926 another building was added, giving a larger room for the sixth and seventh grades and a large room for home economics and science, laboratory work and the old work shop was converted into a class room for an assistant primary teacher and a larger work shop was built.

The school term of 1926-27 opened with an enrollment of 175 pupils and a roster of nine teachers and although we lost a few pupils who moved away after the bad weather in September, the decrease was small and for the past month new pupils have been coming in each week and it is almost certain that the enrollment for the year will reach 200 in spite of the storms.

This term we have secured a school piano as a gift from the school board and music new equipment has been added. The high school pupils put on a very successful Halloween carnival and also put on a play that would have been a credit to any school. The proceeds from these affairs will be used to pave a court that can be used for both basket ball and tennis. The court is now under con-

struction and should be completed by the time school opens after Christmas. The completion of this court will mean a lot to the school.

The agricultural department will give a course in horticultural practices with especial emphasis on plant propagation and a course in general truck crop production. The aims of this department are to stress the practical side of agriculture, developing the skill required in actual farming. Fertilizer practices, plant disease control, insect-pest control, animal husbandry and stock judging, as well as farm carpentry and farm bookkeeping or accounting.

We are planning to let the world know how things grow at Canal Point at the Tampa fair in February and at the Palm Beach county fair in March. The boys who take agriculture are expected to exhibit farm produce and attend both fairs. The progress of a community is always reflected in the progress of its school; let's keep our school "humping" and watch the community follow.

## BANK OF PAHOKEE FIGURES IN GLADES DEVELOPMENT

While not the oldest bank in the county nor the largest in point of capital the Bank of Pahokee is one of the Bank of Pahokee's financial institutions that must be credited with having contributed in high degree to the prosperity and development of the district and is a bank which possesses the full confidence of the people in the region it serves.

Its growth, while not phenomenal, has been steady. The Bank of Pahokee was organized in 1922 with a capital of \$15,000 by prominent local men among whom were Dr. W. H. Lair, Frank Friend and Dr. D. S. Spooner. These are men who have ever had their interests here and who possess the confidence of the people.

The bank has been a great asset to the town, a great aid to individuals and a decided factor in Everglades development in general. The quarterly statements show strength and increase, and deposits have reached as high as \$200,000 at the peak in June of 1926. Present officers are W. H. Lair, president; D. S. Spooner, vice president, and E. G. Kilpatrick, cashier and active manager. Mr. Kilpatrick has been connected with the bank since its organization and has brought the business through with success. He was formerly located at Marianna, Florida, where he served with the First National Bank of Marianna as assistant cashier.

## A Little Ford Shall Lead Them All Forever

THE POPULAR EVER-  
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Your patronage is appreciated

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A VISIT WILL CONVINCE YOU

Compare The  
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Among Pahokee and all Everglades Boosters

## J. H. TIDWELL BARBER SHOP

PAHOKEE, FLA.

Your patronage is appreciated. Patronize the Home Shop

We are among those who believe in the future of the Everglades and in Pahokee in particular

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## Big Opening

When holiday stocks will be on display.

THE LATEST THAT "DAME FASHION HAS DECREED" IN

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Ready To Wear

Mrs. A. KALTENBRUNER  
PAHOKEE

### CANAL POINT ICE FACTORY

(Capacity 15 Tons Daily)  
More and more industries and various mercantile enterprises are being established in the Everglades region. Another may firm at Canal Point is the Canal Point Ice Factory, which distributes its products to the various Everglades points by auto truck and boats. This industry being located at Canal Point is of particular service in the icing of cars during the big vegetable shipping season.

### LAKEVIEW LUNCH ROOM

A favorite eating with both the local and the transient public is the well known Lakeview Lunch Room at Canal Point, operated by C. H. DeLoach. This is next to the oldest place of its kind here that has been continuous in business under the same ownership. When others left during the brief stagnation of business after the late storm, Mr. DeLoach stayed and continued serving the trade. Mr. DeLoach, always wide awake and ever a booster for the Everglades, has been identified with the business life of this section for the past six years. When passing through and when you have occasion to stop off at Canal Point, don't fail to call for directions leading you to the Lakeview Lunch Room.

### W. A. ADAMS, THE BARBER

All lines of business in the Everglades are prospering and the business men are optimistic. It is well to show instances of this as well as to show many Canal Point enterprises is W. A. Adams' barber shop. Mr. Adams is well known as a musical artist of high ability. He has made good, and numbers among his friends and patrons all local people as well as the traveling public and many persons from the adjoining districts. Mr. Adams came here three years ago from Alabama, Georgia, where for some years previously he was engaged in a like business. There is quite a group of former Georgia people in Canal Point, many of them from the Alabama section. Mr. Adams is generally known as "Lon" and his place of business as "Lon's Shop." He and his friends are loyal boosters for the Everglades.

### BOES' RESTAURANT

Canal Point again has a first class restaurant—the famous Boes' Restaurant is again serving the public and under able and efficient management. During the week of November 1st Mrs. C. Gossman took this place over and commenced operating it, and in even this comparatively short space of time she has been able to establish a fine and ever growing trade. At her place one may be assured of a real home cooked meal and at fair prices. Mrs. Gossman personally supervises the business and the preparation of the viands served and looks in person after the wants of her patrons. The restaurant is located in a new building on Corners Highway near the lake front tollhouse. When next in Canal Point don't forget to give this restaurant a call. They are of our people, people who believe in this country and its future and who mean to live or die with it.

### SANITARY MARKET AND GROCERY

One of the favorite shopping places for the people of Canal Point and adjacent territory is the busy meat market and grocery conducted by Messrs. W. C. Tedder and Joe Rich at Canal Point under the name of the Sanitary Market and Grocery. The store is all that the name implies, as here will be found a tempting array of all manner of staple and fancy groceries, fruits and vegetables in season, home killed and cured meats displayed in an attractive manner. A high grade of merchandise is handled and the buyer is assured always of the best that the market affords at prices that meet all neighboring towns and adjoining city competition.

Messrs. Tedder and Rich are personally on the job, giving the business and their patrons' wants their personal attention, thus eliminating much overhead expense they are enabled to serve the public with real high grade merchandise at the right prices.

### W. J. LARIMORE, PIONEER EVERGLADES MERCHANT

Among those of our business men who have weathered all the storms and trials and tribulations that this region has been heir to and has done much to further the progress of this country, prominent stands the name of W. J. Larimore, who associated with W. O. Tiffin of Pahokee is conducting the largest general merchandise store of Canal Point. Another store equally as well stocked and also doing a good business is being conducted by him at Pahokee.

Mr. Larimore has been actively identified with the business life of this region since 1919, when he settled and engaged in business at Moore Haven. There on one occasion his business suffered almost complete loss by fire. But such was his spirit and such was his confidence in this country and its future that out of the ashes of his first venture there soon grew the today bigger and more prosperous business at Pahokee with about a year ago this

### THE WEST PALM BEACH ROOM DE THE FORD LINE

Since 1913, when G. C. Barco engaged in business, this establishment has supplied this country with Ford products. According to Mr. Barco, fully present store at Canal Point also being added.

Here are carried unusually large stocks of all manner of general merchandise including dry goods, groceries, meats, wearing apparel for men, women and children, and an especially large line of shoes. In the shoe line he features the well known and much demanded "Feters Brand."

During the September storm much damage resulted to their stocks but the store today shows no evidence of it nor is any evidence seen of downcast spirits.

### CANAL POINT GARAGE

That Canal Point and Everglades region in general is prosperous and on the up grade is evidenced by the daily business of the Canal Point Garage, owned and operated by W. R. Shackford. Mr. Shackford has made a phenomenal success here in a comparatively short time. This is the best equipped all round auto repair machine shop in the Everglades. The spacious building allows ample room for storage, and the machine shop is equipped with all the latest and most improved machinery for repair work on all makes of cars. In addition, this being a country where marine work is considerable, he has equipped his shop so as to meet all needs along this line. Tractor repair work, acetylene welding and general machine work are important factors of the business.

This is the exclusive sales agency in this region for the popular Chrysler and Star automobiles. Mr. Shackford has a complete line of Ford parts, accessories, etc., and has efficient mechanics on the job every hour of the day looking after the needs of the patrons. The stock includes a line of tires and tubes. They feature Hood and Century tires, two makes that are also much in demand these days.

W. R. Shackford has made good in Canal Point. Plus all this he is one of the staunch boosters for, and believes in the future of this region, and he is even ready to give his personal time, money and effort to every progressive movement.

### BOOMERANG DINING ROOM AT LATE WORTH, POPULAR WITH EVERGLADES REGION TRADE

A much favored eating place at Lake Worth and one that is universally patronized by the people of the different Everglades towns is the Boomerang Dining Room at 110 N. Dixie, most ably managed and personally supervised by its genial proprietor, Roxie Gower. Miss Gower will be remembered as formerly conducting the old Boomerang Dining Room which catered to a big trade. She took over the present place about a month ago, completely remodeled it and added special features to the service. While serving meals at popular prices it is safe to say that there is no other restaurant in the whole district where the cuisine and service are better.

### L. N. SIMON, PIONEER EVERGLADES DEVELOPER

This review of the Everglades country would hardly be complete without mention of those who with vision and fine insight in the early days were instrumental and directly responsible for the great and prosperous farming country of today. Foremost among these stands the name of L. N. Simon. Mr. Simon came to purchase in the district as early as seventeen years ago, at which time he acquired considerable Everglades farm property and through himself with other business interests here.

He has ever been an active worker for the country and has interested himself personally to a great extent in the drainage question, the most important feature today. Associated with a non-F. P. Simon, he maintains really offices at West Palm Beach and through this medium he has been instrumental in placing many of our today prosperous farmers. Mr. Simon is also one of the heads and a director in the Bank of Canal Point.

Those seeking further information relating to the country, property values, chances for investment, etc., will do well to address their letter to Simon & Simon, McGinley Building, West Palm Beach. They will be assured of a prompt and reliable reply.

need to patronize out of town or mail order houses as they will be found only quality merchandise—carefully selected and huge stocks to choose from

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BUY IN THE EVERGLADES.

You serve your country's best interests  
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## Better Goods for Less AT Sanitary Market

AND

## Grocery

CANAL POINT, FLA.

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES,  
CONFECTIONARY, FRUITS,  
VEGETABLES ETC.  
MEATS

Your Family Wants Good Meats—  
Our Market Will Supply You  
Will Supply You

ALWAYS EVERGLADES BOOSTERS

## GLADES ALL SET FOR BIG GROWTH

Feeling of Confidence That  
Future Will Show Great  
Progress

It is proper that in this special issue of the Everglades News which deals with varied aspects of the Everglades and the drainage enterprise, the paper, as an Everglades institution and the spokesman for the region and its population, state its views as to the probable trend of development in the future and the consequences of the development. Such a statement would be an analysis rather than an effort at foretelling.

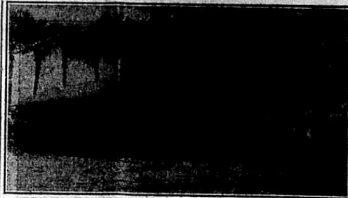
Everything in the Everglades is based on drainage—there can be no progress without it. Drainage will be accomplished because if it is not the failure of the reclamation enterprise will be a state scandal in which the reputations of many men will be involved, state officials and business men, and they will avert the failure because they cannot afford to do otherwise. This, however, leaves open the question as to when drainage will be accomplished. That is answered with the statement that as reclamation by areas is the only practicable method, already as much land is provided with drainage facilities as the present colonization agencies can make use of. The existing facilities of Everglades drainage districts are adequate to prevent the overflow of Lake Okechobee; if these facilities are not made use of by the properly constituted drainage officials they can be made use of by citizens committees.

Next in importance to drainage is transportation. The local transportation is of two classes: for the movement of farm products and for the passage of motor vehicles for pleasure and small business. Facilities for the transportation of farm products are so complete as to be in advance of production; this is a present possession of high value. With the assurance that the farm land will not be flooded, production will be restored to its former quantity and will be increased. Railroad companies are committed to plans for line extensions which will continue the transportation facilities in advance of local requirements for several years. Highways for which contracts are being executed will open to settlement several thousands of acres of land, and in this region where an acre of land will yield a car load of produce in a year, several thousand acres is an immense amount. Ten acres of land opened for settlement means a family added to the body of population.

The bad living conditions caused by the uncertainty as to the operation of the drainage facilities and the lack of water works, sewer systems, highways and telephone lines has made much of the population of the Everglades of the transient type; the character of the population and the habits of the people will change and there will be more permanency. Development and population has ebbed and flowed with the overflows of the land; the experiences of the past eight years is an index to the future, and in the light of that experience we can know that substantial and comfortable houses will replace the shacks in which hundreds of families live now. With a permanent population, the proceeds of the farming operations will be spent in the Everglades instead of being sent out of the district by refugees from flood waters.

Nothing can check the progress of the Everglades. Nothing can check the progress of the Everglades. This is not a stenographic error; the statement is repeated for effect, to get attention. There is lots of land in the world, but there is no area of land such as the mud soils of the Everglades. It is

A KALTENBRUNNER'S STORE AND STATION IN PAHOKEE



KALTENBRUNNER SERVICE

Among those who have made good at Pahokee and who have shown their continued faith in the country by their investments is A. Kaltenbrunner, who conducts two service stations and a seed business there, with Mrs. Kaltenbrunner handling a novelty, notions and ladies ready to wear establishment adjoining.

new soil; whether in time it will run down and require fertilizer is yet to be ascertained, but now and for as long a time as we need consider, it is soil of surpassing fertility. It is rich new soil in fortuitous geographical situation; it can be made use of in summer and winter, and the normal rainfall of the region is not beyond control under drainage systems that have been provided. The crazy land boom having collapsed, the land can be bought at its value, and its value will be greater in the future than now because in the future its qualities will be better known to more persons.

Whether the rest of Florida grows or not, the Everglades will grow—this is an important point. If Florida grows, that will help, but the Everglades is not dependent on its surroundings; the soil and climate of this region are so superior to the rest of the state as to set it apart, its local drainage systems (independent of the state-controlled system) are unique.

It does not invade the realm of prophecy to say that the Lake Okechobee region of the Everglades is destined to be the chief winter vegetable gardening dis-

trict of the United States. It may surprise many readers to read it here but it is a fact of commonplace understanding among residents, that vegetables grow best in the Lake Okechobee region in the months that are spring in this region but are winter months in the large consuming centers—that is, crops planted in February maturing in April and May grow under better conditions than in any other months of the year. This is the season of high prices because it is the season to least competition.

This region, incomparably superior as to soil, climate, season of production and in proximity to the best markets, cannot fail to go ahead. It is just now getting under way.

## PATRONIZE EVERGLADES BOOSTERS

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Pahokee, Fla.

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DEAL WITH YOUR BANK

# BANK OF PAHOKEE

Pahokee, Florida

### THE BANK'S PART IN A REGION'S GROWTH

We feel at liberty to repeat it because it is said by many disinterested observers: The Bank of Pahokee has been and is a potent power in the growth of the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee.

This institution has always met its civic obligations, finding means to conserve its financial stability while supporting every public endeavor.

The business of the people of Canal Point and Pahokee is solicited and their good will is appreciated.

We will be pleased to answer any letters  
of inquiry relative to Everglades lands,  
chances for investment, etc.

You may always  
count our business  
among Pahokee and  
EVERGLADES  
Boosters

The  
SWEET SHOP  
and  
DRUG STORE

Pahokee, Florida

Mrs. L. B. Spooner,  
Proprietor

DRUGS  
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STATIONERY  
IMPORTED AND  
DOMESTIC  
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The prospective settler, investor, or casual visitor when investigating any locality is impressed when he finds the banks in a flourishing condition and the bankers radiating optimism. This condition is nowhere better exemplified than in the case of the First American Bank & Trust Company of West Palm Beach, one of the oldest and strongest in Florida. This bank has been operating here with continuous and ever increasing success since 1889, when it was originally organized. It bears the distinction of being the oldest bank in the county.

The institution is credited with having been and being one of the greatest factors in the development and progress

of this region and many of the present day successes in commercial and agricultural lines may be attributed to the aid and accommodations extended by it. The officers of the bank are well known and prominent business men of high type—citizens in whom the people have confidence for the proper administration of the bank's affairs and the investment of the funds of its depositors.

Included in the list of officers and directors are E. M. Brelsford, president, who has headed this bank since early days; S. C. Kearly, vice president, a prominent attorney of West Palm Beach who has been identified with this county's business and political life for the past eighteen years; F. E. Decker, vice president, who is considered an authority in banking matters. Mr. Decker has been with this bank

FIRST AMERICAN BANK BUILDING, WEST PALM BEACH



for the past four years. Previously he was connected with banks in New York, Cuba and Georgia. In Cuba he was in charge of the branch bank of the National City Bank of New York, where he made an enviable reputation. C. Z. Walker is cashier. He has been identified with Florida banking for fifteen years. Other officers are H. L. Donald, vice president; J. Warren Smith, trust officer, and John C. McNeil, assistant cashier. Included in the board of directors are I. G. Atwell, George F. Besset, Jules M. Burquieres, B. D. Cole, J. W. Comstock, D. F. Dinkie, George N. Hatch, Jas. B. Johnson, J. S. Wilson, Bert Winters, A. H. Wagg and D. H. Conkling.

The bank's statements show constant growth. The total resources are seven millions; surplus more than \$300,000, and undivided profits of more than \$100,000. The officers and directors of this bank will be pleased to furnish any information desired relative to property values, chances for investment (etc. upon application. Letters of inquiry will receive prompt reply.

## CROPS AND WEATHER

Moderate temperatures, dry, and sunshiny weather prevailed most of the week. A large portion of the section was without rain, and the greatest weekly totals were less than one-quarter inch. Uplands have dried out generally and moderate rains are now required, but low lands have ample moisture, as a

The mild temperature and the absence of rain were favorable for general farm work, and much needed plowing was done throughout the various divisions. Lands were prepared for tobacco in the northern division, and some early potatoes were planted. Oats, peppers, eggplant, beans and other truck made good growth; the shipping of beans continued locally from the south, and preparations for spring crops progressed favorably with the drying of the land. Strawberries did well, and small allotments were in the market. Citrus fruits improved in flavor and color, although cooler weather is needed for citrus fruits, celery, lettuce, and cabbage. The shipping of fruits increased in some districts. Cane grinding and potato digging continued in a desultory way in the northern and western divisions. Rain would improve the condition of truck and some recently planted trees on uplands of the peninsula. Peppers, eggplant, beans, onions and greens are more plentiful generally than for sometime, and moderate shipments continued from most of the section. Ranges need rain.

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rule, and much of the lower Okeechobee district continues too wet. The continued dry weather, however, has brought a very favorable change over that portion of the peninsula. Decidedly mild temperatures prevailed throughout all divisions, the daily excesses ranging from 4 degrees to 10 degrees. Midday temperatures exceeded 80 degrees at several stations.

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ESTABLISHES A PLACE

The healthy condition and the increase in business enjoyed by the Bank of Canal Point is a good advertisement for this section and the whole Everglades. The bank opened for business in July of this year and already it has aided in a material way in the development of this section and has won the confidence of the people.

Among the original organizers, present officers and directors of the Bank of Canal Point are: F. E. Bryant, Elmer T. Anderson of Lake Worth, A. P. Anthony of Jacksonville, L. N. Simon of West Palm Beach, Earl J. Reed of Lake Worth, J. R. Poland of Pahokee and W. R. Bonham of Canal Point.

F. E. Bryant, president of the Bank of Canal Point, was president of the Florida Sugar & Food Products Company, which four years ago established the sugar plantation and mill at Canal Point. He and associates also own over 10,000 acres of land north and west of Canal Point on the much side of the "line of the Everglades." He is a director of the First Bank & Trust Company of Lake Worth and has other large interests in Palm Beach county.

Other stockholders are B. G. Dahlberg of Chicago, president of the Celotex Company; C. I. Overton, a capitalist of Chicago who organized the Alamite Company and a Marshall, capitalist of Chicago who has real estate interests in the Everglades and elsewhere in Florida. Although its stockholders embrace these men of large wealth, one-third of the stockholders live on East Beach.

W. R. Bonham, cashier of the Bank of Canal Point, made his first investment in the Everglades sixteen years ago when he came to Florida as a member of a party brought from Chicago by Bryant & Greenwood sales organization. The country not being ready for settlement he returned to Chicago, where for many years he was in the electrical supply business, and awaited the time he could take up his residence in the Lake Okeechobee region. He closed out his Chicago business two years ago.

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